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A Grave Crisis

THE constitutional crisis which has arisen in South Africa is in its implications of the gravest importance not only to the future of that country but to the relations of white and black throughout Africa, and indeed to the Commonwealth as a whole. It is to be hoped that the Union Government and the Nationalist Party will pause for further reflection before taking steps which will plunge the country into fratricidal and racial strife, and cause repercussions far beyond the Union's boundaries. The policy of Apartheid, however it be interpreted, implies the rigorous separation and permanent domination of the black or coloured majority by the white minority in South Africa. That is essentially a policy of negation or defeatism in face of the racial problem confronting European and African throughout Africa. The only hope for Africa in the future lies in the co-operation of its African and European inhabitants. How this partnership is to work in practice has yet to be evolved, and it is a problem full of difficulty, but the policy of Apartheid is negative and escapist rather than positive and constructive.

THE eyes of the Commonwealth and of the world are upon South Africa in its present grave crisis. Not only its good faith but its political future is at stake. Mr. Malan and his colleagues have a very serious responsibility not confined to their own constituents or even to their country. Other issues are involved, such as the future of the Protectorates and of Southwest Africa, the good relations of British and Dutch in South Africa, perhaps the stability and prestige of the Commonwealth, which is necessarily affected by the behaviour of one of its leading members. But transcending even all these is the future of the African continent, which is bound to be imperilled if inter-racial strife in one important quarter spreads through the whole. Although it is a fundamental axiom of Commonwealth association that its members do not interfere in each other's internal affairs, this is obviously a matter which affects more than South Africa itself.

DR. Malan himself has recognised its larger implications, for he has not hesitated to criticise British policy in the Gold Coast and elsewhere in relation to its possible effects on South Africa. Since there is no doubt that he sincerely holds his own convictions, he must realise that this equally applies to British Colonial policy in Africa. Could not South Africa, without any loss of dignity or certainly independence consult with the other members of the Commonwealth who are seriously concerned with the situation which may arise in the Union if the present policy is pursued, or even with all the Administering Powers interested in Africa? South Africa does not live in a vacuum, and the world at large, at any rate the free world of democracy, is watching with anxiety and sympathetic concern how she handles this crisis in her affairs.

GOVT WINS VOTE

London, April 29.—The House of Commons tonight rejected by 209 votes against 238 a Labour vote for the complete suppression of purchase tax on textiles. The vote was regarded in the lobbies as being equivalent to a vote of confidence in the Government. —France-Press.

Truman Ruled Out Of Order

Seizure Of Steel Industry Held Unconstitutional

Washington, Apr. 29. Federal Judge David A. Pine today overthrew President Truman's seizure of the steel industry and the CIO president, Philip Murray, immediately ordered a strike by his 65,000 United Steel workers.

In his history-making decision, Judge Pine ruled that President Truman's seizure of the nation's steel plants on April 8 was unconstitutional and contrary to the United States form of government.

He held that it smacked of totalitarianism. Within a half-hour after the Judge announced his decision, Mr. Murray issued an "immediate" strike notice.

He said: "Judge Pine's decision ousting the government from possession of the steel plants leaves members of the union with no alternative but to cease work immediately in the absence of collective bargaining contracts. A stand-by arrangement as usual will be negotiated on a local level." The Justice Department was expected to ask Judge Pine for an immediate stay of judgment pending review by a higher Court.

THE FIRST TIME

It was the first time in the nation's history that a Federal Court had enjoined the administrative act of a President.

Judge Pine did not immediately issue the injunction which the steel industry sought against President Truman's seizure order, but a Court official said it would come no later than Wednesday, barring a successful government move for a stay.

Shortly after Judge Pine's decision was announced, and after Mr. Murray's strike notice went out, the United States Steel Company reported that pickets had appeared at the gates of one of its Chicago plants.

The only way for the government to head off a disastrous steel strike would be to apply to Mr. Pine's Court, or the Court of Appeals or Supreme Court, for a stay of Mr. Pine's ruling. It appeared the government would not have enough time to invoke the Taft-Hartley Law to prevent a walkout, even if it decided to seek an 8-day injunction under the labour management law. —United Press.

KOREANS START A FREE-FOR-ALL

Tokyo, Apr. 30. One person was killed and 10 injured, one seriously, when more than 60 Koreans started a fight during a meeting at Sakumachi, a town in Osaka Prefecture, Kyushu, yesterday. The free-for-all is reported to have started when Koreans of the North and South disagreed on ideological issues. Eleven were arrested by police, who had to call for reinforcements from a nearby town. —Reuter.

Parson Says He Won't Marry Couples "Fortified By Intoxicating Liquor"

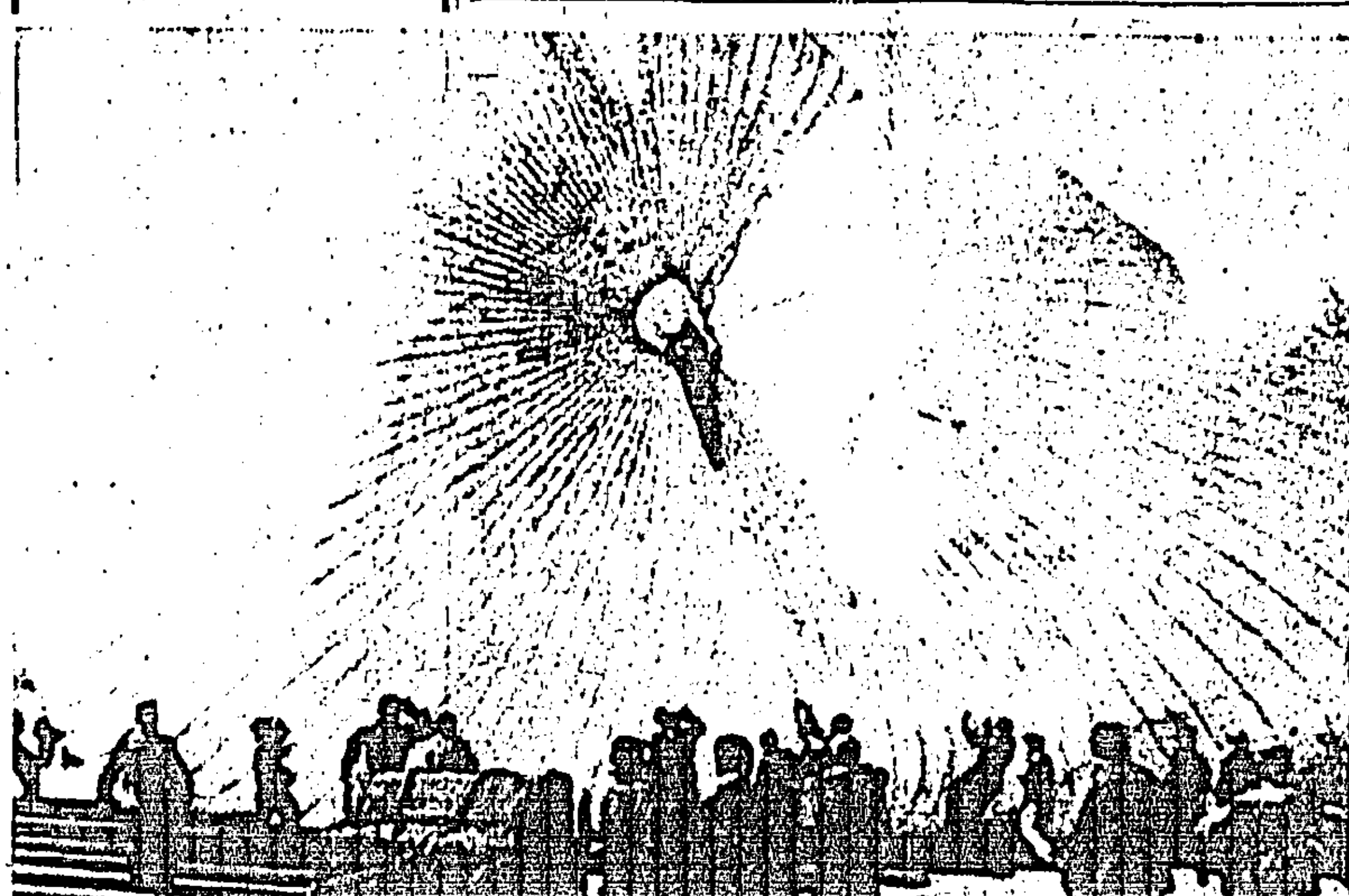
The rector of St Paul's Anglican Church, Canberra, has warned his parishioners that in future he will refuse to marry couples who arrive at his church "fortified by intoxicating liquor."

The Rector, the Reverend R. Border, has touched off a lively controversy with his warning. In the latest issue of the parish magazine, the Rev. Border says most couples came to the marriage ceremony "in a fitting and solemn attitude."

"However," he added, "now and then there come couples who think they need to be fortified."

He said: "I will have no regard whatsoever to the convenience of those who attend, or to the fact that the parties or their parents have been put. 'These who come to the Church to receive God's blessing upon their marriage while under the influence of drink in any degree are offering an insult to Almighty God which will not be tolerated.'"

Anxious Moment



An alert 3rd. Air Rescue Squadron amateur photographer, Sgt. William O. Clark, snapped this remarkable picture as a high wind ballooned a huge 100-foot cargo type parachute and its unfortunate rider, a Japanese rifger who had been working on it, 300 feet into the air. Other Japanese and UN personnel working nearby quickly grabbed the hanging around lines and pulled the parachute and its passenger safely back to the ground. The chute was undamaged and the rider uninjured. —London Express.

HK BANKS INDICTED

New York, Apr. 29. United States attorney Myles Lane announced today that the Nanyang Commercial Bank Limited and the Overseas Service Bank of China, both of Hongkong, have been made additional defendants in the 53-count indictment charging with violating the trading with enemy act and with inducing Chinese to send dollars to Communist China. The special grand jury also added three more New York Chinese to the indictments. —United Press.

Earth Tremors Rock Buildings

Santiago, Apr. 29. Two strong earth tremors caused buildings to sway in Santiago and Valparaiso at about 2045 GMT today, resulting in widespread alarm.

There were no immediate reports of casualties or damage. The tremors lasted about 20 seconds. The first was accompanied by subterranean rumbles and the second was much stronger, rocking the city.

Residents fled to the streets and public places. In Valparaiso, motion picture theatre audiences were thrown into a panic, rushing for the exits. —United Press.

Two Children Killed In Last Night's Kowloon Tsai Fire

RELIEF WORK RUSHED FOR HOMELESS

Two children, brother and sister, died in the Kowloon Tsai fire last night.

They were Chan Cho-kit, aged 4 and Chan Shook-chan, aged 10.

No reports of missing persons were received by the Fire Brigade last night and it was only while raking over the ruins this morning that the children were found.

Three firemen received minor injuries. One man had a lacerated finger and the others each suffered from a sprained ankle.

It is officially estimated that between 1,500 and 2,000 huts were destroyed, involving up to about 8,000 persons.

With the assent and co-operation of the Police temporary shelter has been found for 2,000 to 3,000 victims in the Police football ground and buildings at Boundary Street.

Allies Protest Over Soviet Attack On French Plane

Berlin, Apr. 29. The three Western Allied Commandants of Berlin tonight protested "energetically" to General Vassily Chuikov, Chairman of the Soviet Control Commission for Germany, against today's "unwarranted attack by Soviet fighters on a French aircraft."

The Commandants, in a letter delivered tonight, demanded an immediate investigation, punishment of those concerned and "reparation."

The base of a 20-millimetre cannon shell was found in the plane, which was "pounded on over Eastern Germany by two Russian jet fighters, forced down about 1,000 feet, and then peppered with cannon shell and machine-gun bullets, wounding two passengers, one a woman."

The fuselage of the airliner was holed in seven places, according to Air France. Regular air traffic between West Berlin and West Germany—suspended after the shooting—was resumed this afternoon, when three British European Airways planes left to fly over the Soviet zone to Hanover, Cologne and Hamburg, West Germany.

A Pan American statement in Frankfurt said the airline would not operate flights in or out of Berlin pending clarification of the Soviet fighter attack on the Air France plane. This clarification had been sought from the United States Government authorities.

The three Western Allies said in a statement the French plane was attacked by two Soviet MIG-15 fighters 75 miles from Berlin in the Soviet zone. According to reports received, the plane was flying well inside the 20-mile wide Frankfurt air corridor at an altitude of 7,000 feet and then attacked.

The statement said the pilot of the French plane reported that, just before the incident,

he got position reports showing that his aircraft was on the course and within the corridor.

Soviet Air Force manoeuvres have been reported in the area of the attack in the past few days.

There were about 12 passengers and six crew members in the plane. The attack lasted only a few minutes but the machine, landed, riddled with bullets. The wounded passengers were rushed to a hospital. —Reuter.

Giant Plane Disappears

San Juan, Puerto Rico, Apr. 29. A Pan-American Airways double-decker Stratocruiser, bound for New York with 50 persons aboard, disappeared over the jungles of Brazil today.

One hour and a half after its fuel supply should have been exhausted, the plane had still not been located.

A massive air and sea search spread out along the route of the plane between Rio de Janeiro, where it took off last night, and Port of Spain, Trinidad, where it had been due this morning.

United States Air Force and civilian planes were joined by Brazilian Army planes in a sweep over the jungles and hilly areas of the Amazon basin.

The last report from the plane came when it was near Barreiras, about 1,010 miles south of Trinidad.

PARACHUTE TEAMS

United States Navy units in the South Atlantic joined in the search of coastal waters and special medical parachute teams, trained in jungle survival, were ready to take off from the Panama Canal Zone should the plane be located.

There was a brief moment of hope when Pan American operations officials at Port of Spain reported that the plane had landed safely in Brazil for "maintenance purposes" but Pan American officials at Rio de Janeiro, in contact with Belém, quickly denied the report.

Fourteen planes had joined the search by late afternoon. More were coming from Panama and other were alerted at the US Air Force bases in Louisiana and South Carolina for the great air mission.—United Press.

KOREA TRUCE TALKS

Concession Proposal To Reds

Washington, Apr. 29. The United Nations will agree to the Communists building airfields in North Korea after a truce if the Communists make a concession on the prisoners of war issue, according to authoritative sources here.

The United Nations want the Communists to agree to the "non-return" of 40 per cent. of the Chinese and North Korean prisoners of war in Allied hands, these sources said.

This was reported to be one of the points in the hitherto secret basic terms of the United Nations Command's latest "overall solution" for the deadlocked armistice negotiations in Korea. It covers two of the three major outstanding issues, on which the negotiations for a truce have been deadlocked. Agreement by the Chinese and North Koreans to this "overall solution" would very likely bring about a truce in a short time.

The Allies have insisted that repatriation of prisoners of war on both sides shall be on a voluntary basis. They said that 100,000 of nearly 170,000 Communist prisoners, a large number of them civilians, do not want to go back to Communist territory.

The Communists insist on the repatriation of all military prisoners though they have agreed that civilians can decide for themselves.

The third outstanding issue in the truce talks centres on the Communist demand for the inclusion of Russia as one of the "neutral" nations which will supervise the cease-fire agreement. On this point, according to these sources, the United Nations yesterday submitted a list of the nations which they proposed should be in the Cease-fire Supervision Commission. But the sources would not disclose which countries they were.

One suggestion made recently was that the United Nations might agree to the inclusion of Russia in the Commission provided that the United States is also included.—Reuter.

Protest To Be Ignored

Tokyo, Apr. 30. A spokesman for the United States Far East Air Forces said today that the UN air forces in Korea would continue using napalm jellied gasoline bombs against the Communists despite a protest by the Archbishop of York.

The second ranking prelate of the Church of England, the Most Reverend Cyril Garbett, denounced United Nations napalm raids in Communist Korea as "horrible" and indiscriminate.

"We are using napalm primarily against frontline Communist troop positions where napalm is about the only weapon what can reach into their holes and bunkers," the spokesman said.

"Napalm also is being used against railway cars, supply dumps and rear area troop concentrations," he added.

"But we don't go in and wipe out villages with napalm. There are too many profitable known military targets for that.—United Press.

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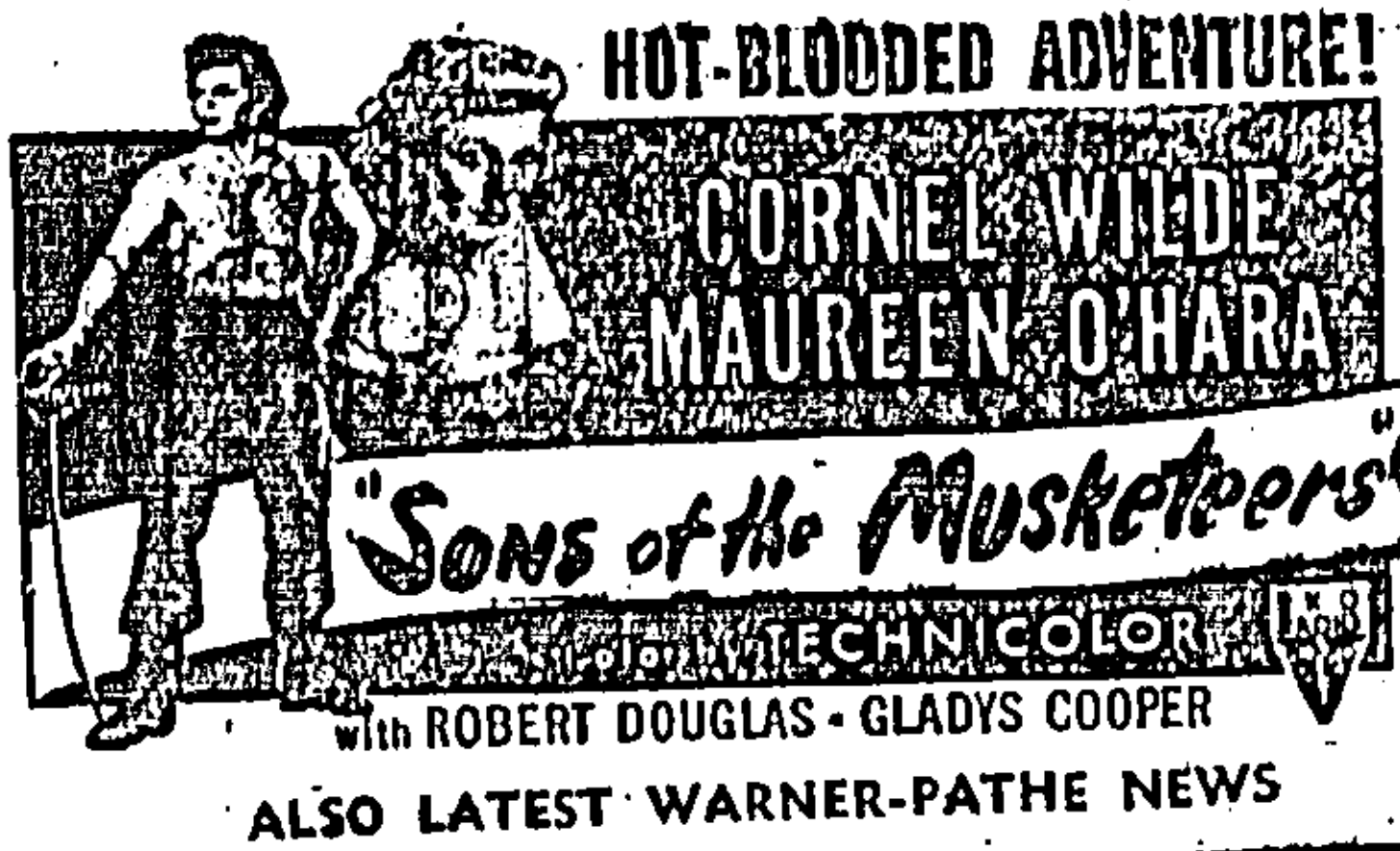
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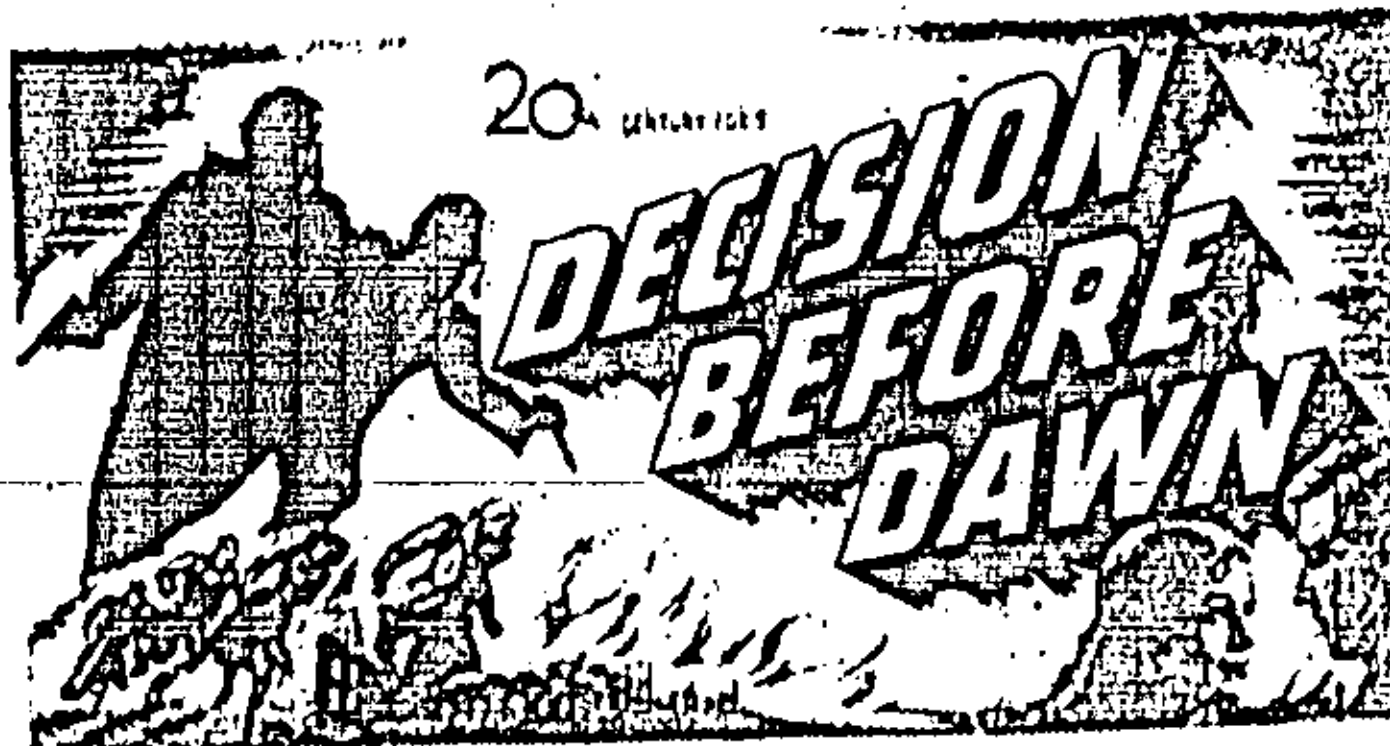


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Sunday School In The Air



This Sunday School class held in a C-47 transport plane high above Hunter Air Force Base at Savannah, Georgia, proved very popular with the children. Held in the plane because of renovations at the base chapel, it was such a success that the Chaplain said "Perhaps we ought to try flying Sunday School more often".—Express Photo.

Defence Talks In Manila

Manila, Apr. 29.

Admiral Arthur Radford spent today in conference with Rear-Admiral Richard Cruzen, full U.S. Fleet Commander, and his staff on the subject of Pacific defences following his arrival by air.

Much significance is attached to the Admiral's visit here, as indications point to the fact that greater interest is being taken by the United States in naval defences in the Far East, especially in Formosa and the Philippines.—Reuter.

Ramsgate Injured On Danger List

Ramsgate, Kent, Apr. 29.

Mrs Nellie Collier and eight-year-old Derek Southern, who were injured when an American F-84 jet fighter crashed at St Peter's Broadstairs, on Sunday, were still on the danger list in Margate Hospital today.

Southern, of Rock Edge, Headington, Oxford, who was in a garden at the time of the crash, and Mrs Collier, who lives in a house adjoining a destroyed oil shop, were badly burned.

The accident caused the destruction of the branch of Lloyds Bank and an adjoining oil shop, and damage to other buildings.

The pilot of the aircraft, Captain Clifford Soarby, 29, of New York City, was among those killed.

The bodies of the owner of the oil shop, William Read, 79, and his wife, Evelyn, 55, were found after seven hours' digging.

The aircraft was one of a flight of four which took off from Manston, two miles away. Its port wing was seen to be on fire as it passed over Ramsgate.—Reuter.

Maritime Talks

Berne, Apr. 29.

The Swiss Federal Council is to send an observer to the maritime conference opening in Brussels on May 2, and lasting until May 10.

The conference will discuss international conventions for the unification of laws regarding collisions at sea.—Reuter.

Appointment Of Ridgway Is Praised

Washington, Apr. 29.

Nearly everybody seemed pleased today with the High Command switch that installed General Ridgway as Supreme Allied Commander in Europe and General Clark as United Nations Commander in the Far East.

The appointments drew praise from the Congressmen of both parties, diplomatic and military leaders and Western European statesmen.

Russia is expected to criticise the appointments.

Diplomatic sources predicted that Communist propagandists will unleash a tirade against General Ridgway as the "war lord of Korea" and will try to depict his European assignment as "proof" that the Atlantic Pact Allies are plotting an attack on the Soviet Union.

There is some speculation that President Truman may ask Congress for special legislation to promote General Ridgway to a five-star rank. General Ridgway, a tank commander by General Eisenhower, as a four-star General, General Ridgway will be outranked by Britain's Field-Marshal Viscount Montgomery who is Deputy Commander-in-Chief of the Pact armies.

Diplomatic circles said that the change from General Ridgway to General Clark in the Far East Command will have no disrupting effect on the Korean-truce talks since they are being rather closely directed from Washington anyway.

Besides, they said, General Clark has proved himself skilled in military-diplomatic dealings—as witnessed by his work in clearing the way for the North African landings in World War II and as post-war occupation commander in Austria.

Officials here were pleased at the enthusiastic reception accorded to General Ridgway by Western European capitals. European leaders had at first indicated their preference for General Gruenther who was General Eisenhower's Chief of Staff and who will hold the same position under General Ridgway.—United Press.

Death At The Opera

Hanover, Apr. 29.

Two men were found dead today in Hanover's Opera House where they had been spraying anti-moth gas.

SHORTAGES OF RAW MATERIALS TO CONTINUE

Washington, Apr. 29.

The first annual report of the International Materials Conference said today that shortages of essential raw materials are likely to continue which will necessitate distribution plans at least through 1952.

The 28-nation body, founded in February, 1951, to secure international co-operation on raw materials supply problems, declared that the major accomplishment of its first year was the development of plans for international distribution of materials in short supply and securing their prompt acceptance by the participating countries.

On specific materials the report said in part:
Newsprint—Expanding production and a possible softening in demand may well solve the newsprint supply problems of most countries.

Copper—Although some improvement in the free world position seems likely in the latter part of 1952 copper may well remain in short supply throughout the year.

Zinc—It can be expected that the zinc supply position will continue to improve and may be sufficient to meet restricted requirements later in the year.

Lead—Developments in recent weeks would indicate that availabilities of lead will be adequate in 1952.

Manganese Ore—This is expected to be in easier supply in 1952.

Nickel—Continuation of the critical supply position for the remainder of 1952 is indicated. Cobalt—It can be expected that cobalt will continue to be in short supply for the remainder of the year.

Tungsten—This is likely to be in short supply for the remainder of 1952 and for a further period.

Molybdenum—This is likely to be in short supply during 1952 for a further period.

Sulphur—It is likely that some new increase in production will take place in 1953 over 1952. However, preliminary figures for 1953 indicate a continuing shortage of sulphur of approximately the same magnitude as in 1952.

Colton—Increased production and decreased rate of consumption for the present season have eased the supply position considerably.

Wool—While it is difficult to compare supply and demand at this time of the season, the prevailing prices of wool do not indicate any excess of demand over resources.—Reuter.

SURPRISE A.R.P. TEST IN AMERICA

Newark, Apr. 29.

New Jersey's 5,000,000 residents got a taste of war today in the first State-wide air raid test in the nation.

Caught by the surprise test they flocked to shelters in every city, town and village throughout the State.

Industrial activity came to a halt. Restaurants, apartment houses, hospitals, department stores, railroad stations and public buildings were cleared of all but key personnel.

The streets were deserted and the State was cut off from all outside motor, railroad and air line travel.

The test, dubbed "Operation New Jersey," lasted 10 minutes. A three-minute fluctuating wall of sirens gave the first warning to people at 10.42 a.m. EDT. They had, however, been warned for a week that a surprise test would come some time during the week of April 27.

Police in all communities, assisted by 200,000 air raid wardens and auxiliary police, cleared all the streets.

Students at schools marched to shelters. Housewives turned off all appliances except radio and television sets. Hundreds of thousands of motorists on New Jersey's bustling highways pulled to curbs and abandoned their vehicles. They jammed the nearest available shelter or approved building.—United Press.

Engineering Mission To S. America

London, Apr. 29.

A three-man British engineering training mission is leaving London today on a visit to nine Latin-American republics to make known training facilities for engineers available in the United Kingdom.

The mission is going under the auspices of the Federation of British Industries, which runs an overseas scholarships scheme for engineering graduates of countries all over the world.

The scheme, which is planned to take 30 students yearly on a two-year course, is financed by British engineering firms up to £20,000 a year.

The Board of Trade makes an annual grant of £10,000.

Five of the scholarships, worth £1,000, are available to students from Latin America, and in the British Commonwealth, the Near, and Far East and Africa.—Reuter.

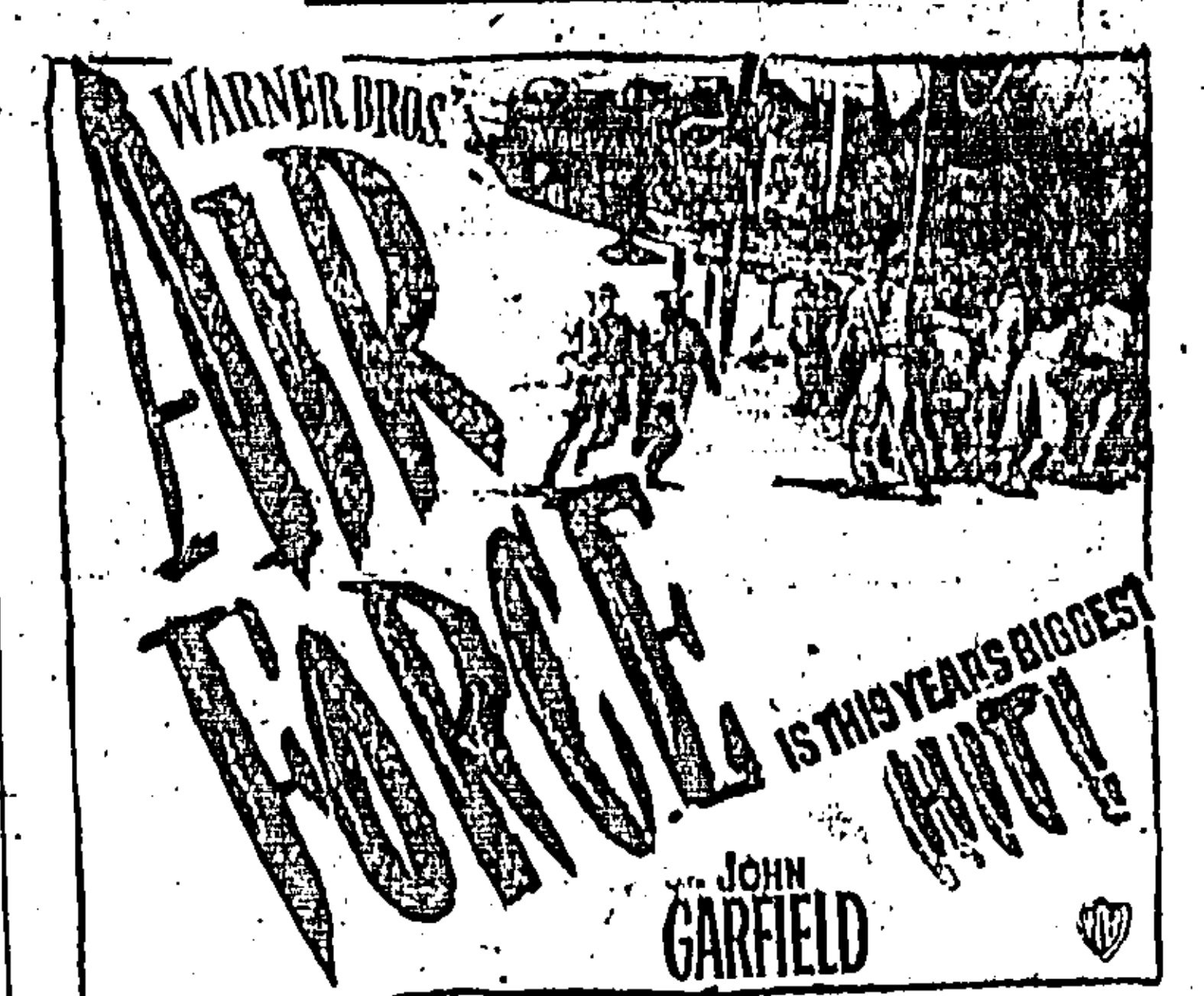
Price Cuts In Yugoslavia

London, Apr. 29.

The Yugoslav Government announced today that it will cut the price of bread and flour from six to 10 per cent beginning May 1.

Belgrade Radio said the reduction would range from two-thirds of a cent to nearly three cents on a kilogram (2.2 pounds) of bread. It is the first reduction since bread and flour were taken off the ration list last year.—Associated Press.

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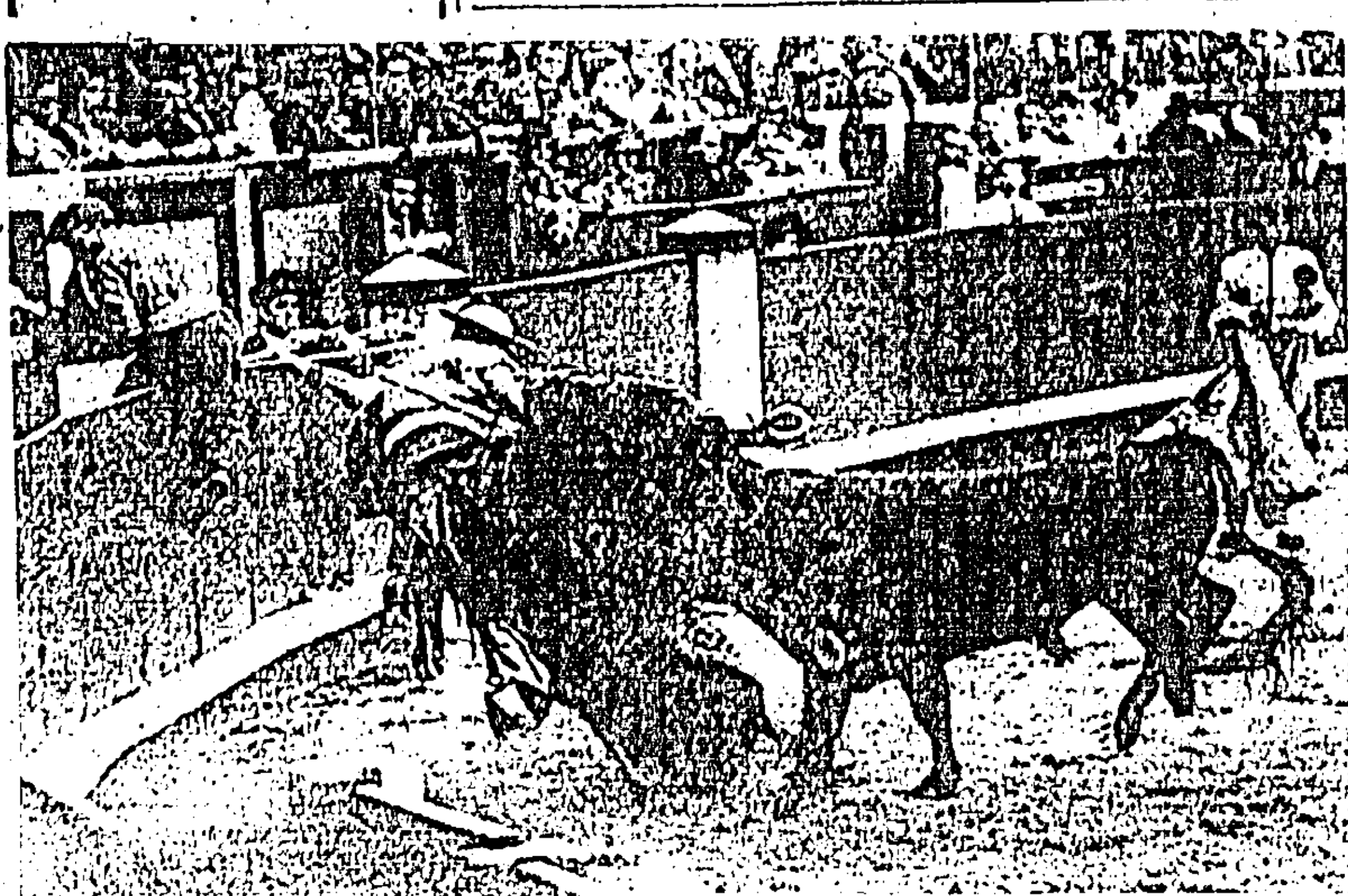
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Disaster In
Bullring

This dramatic picture from the Madrid arena shows a Picador and his horse tossed by an infuriated bull during a bull fight. — Express Photo.

Britain Consults America On
The Deadlock
With Egypt

London, Apr. 29.

Britain is today consulting the United States about the serious and pronounced deadlock with Egypt on the Sudan question, it is believed in diplomatic quarters.

The decision to consult the United States accounts for the delay of at least a day in the talks between the Foreign Secretary, Mr Anthony Eden, and his advisers, who have been attempting to frame new proposals on the Sudan acceptable to Egypt.

Yesterday, Mr Eden met the Ambassador to Cairo, Sir Ralph Stevenson, and the Governor-General of the Sudan, Sir Robert Howe, in an attempt to meet Egyptian criticism of the British failure to give formal recognition to King Farouk as King of the Sudan.

It is believed here that no progress was made and that Mr Eden is now consulting the United States before taking any further steps.

A probable development of the position now is that the proposals in substantially the same form in which they were drafted last week will shortly be formally submitted to Egypt. Last week's British proposals had been indicated by the Egyptian Ambassador to Britain, Abdel Amr Pasha, as not satisfactory.

Sir Ralph is expected to fly back to Cairo before the end of the week to be on hand for developments in the Egyptian capital and it is thought that Amr Pasha will also return to Cairo as soon as the proposals are handed over.

Sir Robert, it is understood, would also return to Khartoum.

IRAQI PREMIER

Mr Eden this afternoon received the Iraqi Premier, General Nuri es Said Pasha, to discuss the Egyptian situation, after his meeting with Amr Pasha yesterday.

An Iraqi spokesman stated categorically that Nuri es Said Pasha did not submit any proposals on the Egyptian question to Mr Eden.

Japanese
Fishermen
Released

Tokyo, Apr. 29.

The Soviet authorities have handed over to Japan 47 Japanese fishermen who were arrested some months ago for allegedly crossing the MacArthur Line, north of the Northern Island of Hokkaido.

The men, who were carried home by a Soviet naval vessel, were transferred to a Japanese patrol vessel three kilometres off Nemuro port, on the north-east tip of Hokkaido.

Japanese maritime authorities were surprised at the unusual cordiality shown by Soviet officers, it was reported.

Russia is still holding up some 100 Japanese fishing vessels which had crossed the MacArthur Line since the end of the war.—France-Press.

French Ban Labour Day
Parades In Tunisia

Tunis, Apr. 29.

Dock workers in all Tunisian ports struck work for one hour today in protest against an announcement by the French military authorities that all political demonstrations would be banned on May 1, Labour Day.

The Tunisian General Workers Union described the ban as "a serious infringement of the rights of trade unions, which shows to what extent the repression of the Tunisian people threatens to leave the workers helpless in face of their capitalist and colonial exploiters."

All Arabic language newspapers in Tunis decided today to suspend publication from May 1 "until the abolition of the censorship."

The Tunisian Prime Minister, M. Baccouche, has invited several hundred leading Tunisians, including Caid, members of Chambers of Commerce, farmers and businessmen, to meet him in Tunis within the next few days.

Members of the Neo-Destour Nationalist Party have held aloof from M. Baccouche's negotiations, the object of which is to secure representative Tunisian delegates to the Franco-Tunisian Reform Commission.

M. Baccouche still hopes to get representation on the Com-

mission from Nationalists outside Neo-Destour.

M. Baccouche's task is urgent, as the French have already agreed to postpone the Commission's first meeting to June 10, while Tunisians will not negotiate during the Muslim fast of Ramadan starting about June 25.

A further postponement of the conference is unlikely as after Ramadan comes the summer hot season, when it would be equally difficult to get together a body of leading Tunisians for important discussions.

M. Baccouche's hopes of eventually handing over the reins of government to men "reflecting Tunisian aspirations" would, therefore, seem to depend on his contacts in the next ten days.

The possibility of a trip by M. Baccouche to Paris to try to persuade the French Government to offer further concessions to secure some Nationalist representation in future Tunisian government is still not ruled out, and it was believed by the Premier raised the question at a half hour meeting with the Resident yesterday.

Senior French air and naval officers arrived in Bizerte, big naval port in northern Tunisia, today to plan a coming air and naval exercises based on the defence of Bizerte.—Reuter.

No Smile For
£6,000

Sydney, Apr. 19.
A £6,000 win in a State lottery left Mrs Alexandra Panova, 69-year-old Russian, without a smile.
She said that her win was her first stroke of luck since she fled from Russia in 1917, on the murder of her husband.
When Press photographers asked her to smile she replied through an interpreter: "I've forgotten how."—Reuter.

Yugoslav
Minister's
Warning

Belgrade, Apr. 29.

The Yugoslav Deputy Minister of Defence, Colonel-General Kosnjak, today called for greater vigilance in the face of military preparations of Yugoslavia's neighbours, especially Cominform countries.

He said, "Our neighbouring countries are constantly increasing the number of units in their armies and building airports, strategic roads and railways, all leading toward our country."

General Kosnjak was addressing the Foundation Congress of the Union of Yugoslav Reserve Officers which, he said, "is not to be a militaristic organization but one more link in the zone of our defence."

Hungarian, Rumanian and Bulgarian troops were being psychologically and politically indoctrinated against Yugoslavia, he said.

The Hungarians were told that over 500,000 of their brothers were being oppressed in Yugoslavia and would soon be liberated, the Rumanians that war was inevitable because the Yugoslavs were preparing for it while the Bulgarians were told that Yugoslavia was their enemy No. 1.

Kosnjak said: "There are also some official personalities in Italy who are speaking of the necessity of capturing parts of our country and of using their army in connection with Trieste."

They were making war-mongering speeches and publicly preparing themselves for revenge, he added.

"Despite this we do not think that the danger threatens us from Italy. The main danger still comes from the Cominform countries, but we must have no illusions, and be vigilant towards everybody," he declared.—Reuter.

AFRICAN
DEFENCE
MEASURES

London, Apr. 29.

Viscount Alexander, Minister of Defence, was asked in the House of Lords today whether any progress had been made as a result of the African defence facilities conference.

He replied that the conference was convened by Britain and the Union of South Africa to consider facilities that would be required for the movement of troops and military supplies between South Africa and the Middle East in time of war.

A report of the conference had been accepted by the Governments of Britain, South Africa, Southern Rhodesia and Italy.

Acceptance was awaited from Belgium, Ethiopia, France and Portugal.
Viscount Alexander added, "We are unable to take the matter further until all the governments which took part in the conference have indicated their attitude to the report. We are, however, in consultation with the Union Government as joint conveners on further action to be taken."—Reuter.

HIROHITO IS 52

Washington, Apr. 29.

President Truman sent his personal congratulations today to Emperor Hirohito of Japan who is celebrating his 52nd birthday.

The President said, "On this national holiday and the anniversary of Your Majesty's birth, it gives me particular pleasure to convey to the people of Japan the best wishes of the people of the United States."—United Press.

Recruiting At
The Palace

London, Apr. 29.

The Earl of Lindsay, 51, Scots peer with an American accent, today went recruiting for part-time soldiers in Buckingham Palace.

He asked for volunteers for the Home Guard from among cooks, footmen, butlers, drivers, handymen and gardeners on the Queen's staff.

Home Guard detachments are being formed and trained throughout Britain to deal rapidly with airborne landings and guerrillas in the event of another war.—Reuter.

BRITON AT
KREMLIN

Moscow, Apr. 29.

The Soviet Foreign Minister, M. Andrei Vyshinsky, today received Sir Alvaro Gaxiola, British Ambassador, and Mr Paul Mason, Assistant Under-Secretary at the British Foreign Office.

Mr Mason is in Moscow on a ten-day visit as guest of the Ambassador, according to a British Embassy spokesman. He arrived here on April 23.

The spokesman said that he was on a routine visit in his capacity as Supervising Officer of the Northern Department of the Foreign Office, which handles Soviet affairs.

The spokesman said it was purely a courtesy call, lasting 20 minutes.—Reuter.

Ban On Seretse
'Firm And Final'

London, Apr. 29.

Lord Salisbury, Secretary for Commonwealth Relations, reaffirmed in the House of Lords today that the Government's decision to exclude Seretse Khama permanently from the chieftainship of the Bamangwato Tribe in Bechuanaland, South Africa, was firm and final.

He was making a statement on the outcome of the two meetings he had with members of the tribe who came to London to urge him to allow Seretse Khama and his English wife, Ruth, to go back to Bechuanaland.

Lord Salisbury said they claimed to represent the tribe and argued that the tribe as a whole strongly desired the appointment of Seretse Khama as chief and was prepared to accept his wife.

"They asked him to reconsider the Government's decision that Seretse Khama could not be recognised as chief. They added that if he could not see his way to alter this decision they would welcome a further statement of the reasons which led the Government to make it."

"At this second meeting I informed them that I saw no reason for alteration of the Government's decision about Seretse Khama, which was firm and final," he said.

"The delegation added nothing to the information already at our disposal."

"I pointed out that opinion in the tribe had changed in the past and might do so again. I

emphasised what is so often overlooked that at a first Kgotla (tribal meeting) in November, 1948, a large majority of the tribe showed a very strong aversion to the acceptance of Seretse Khama's marriage on the grounds that it constituted a flagrant breach of tribal custom."

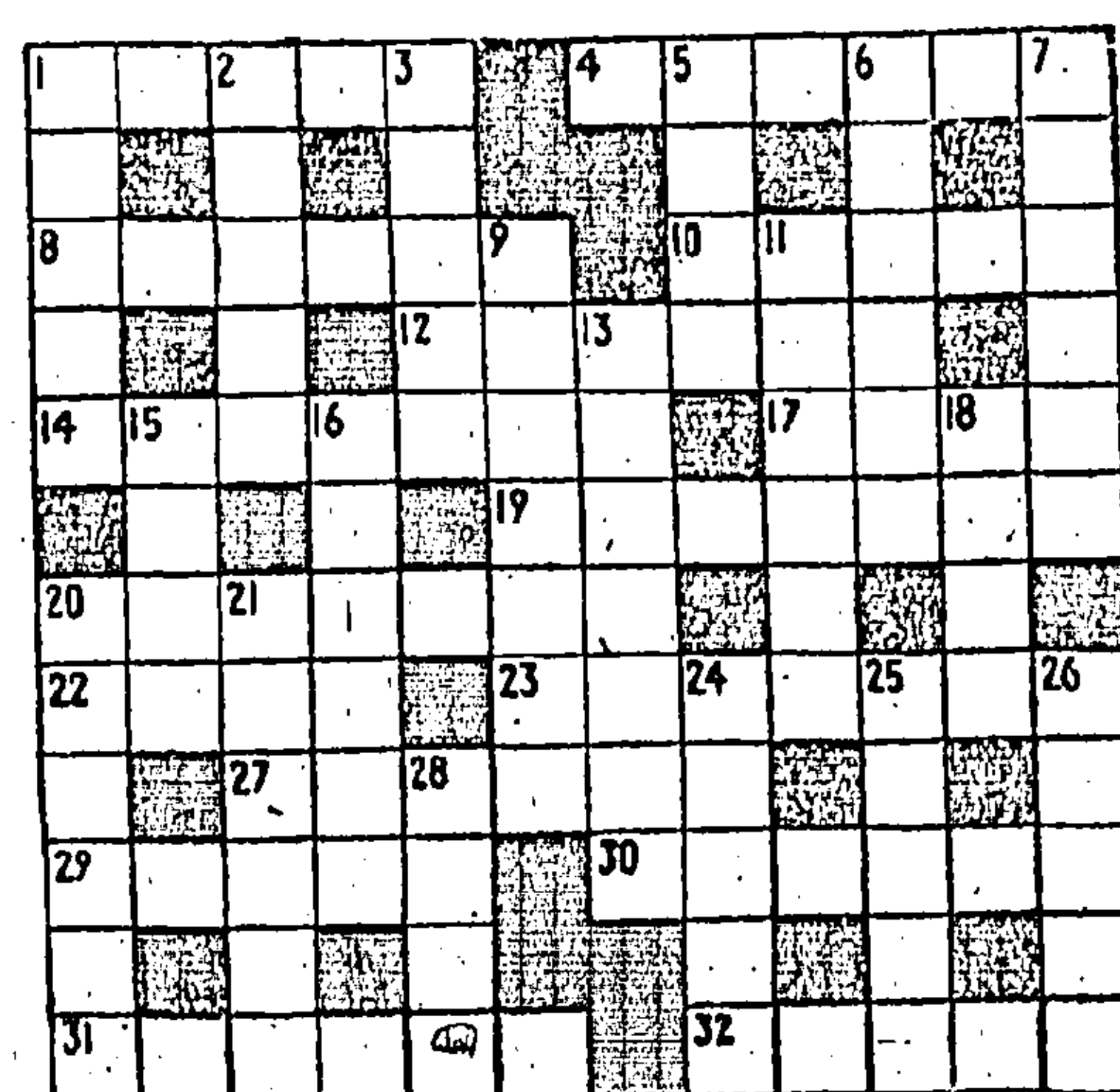
STILL UNAWARE

Meanwhile, the Bamangwato tribal delegation now here said today that they were still unaware why the British Government had refused to recognise Seretse Khama.

"The tribe's opinion is that for Seretse to renounce the chieftainship of the Bamangwato tribe would be disloyalty to the tribe and dishonour to himself in rejecting what is not only his birthright but also the unanimous will of his people," the leader of the delegation said.

He added that the tribe had accepted Seretse's marriage to Ruth Williams, the London girl, and they were very disappointed that the Government had rejected their pleas to let him return as their chief.—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS
- 1 Skilled trade (5).
 - 4 Decorative metallic strips (8).
 - 6 Slight accident (6).
 - 8 Song (5).
 - 10 Solemn (6).
 - 12 Call together (7).
 - 14 Narrative (4).
 - 16 Went quickly (7).
 - 18 Cut-out pattern (7).
 - 20 Young animal (4).
 - 22 Undertaking (7).
 - 24 Expunge (5).
 - 26 In want (5).
 - 28 Put up (6).
 - 30 Hospital worker (6).
 - 32 Foo (5).
- DOWN
- 1 Funny (5).
 - 2 Crime (5).
 - 4 Aggravate (5).
 - 6 Ancient Peruvian (4).
 - 8 Feast (6).
 - 10 Soothed (6).
 - 12 Thoughtful (7).
 - 14 Bear witness (6).
 - 16 Exhaust (7).
 - 18 German name (4).
 - 20 Gave free play to (6).
 - 22 Shakespearean king (4).
 - 24 Eaten at tea (6).
 - 26 Church officials (6).
 - 28 Body fibre (5).
 - 30 Relative (5).
 - 32 Composition (5).
 - 34 Stringed instrument (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 3 Slumbers, 8 Lair, 9 Cavalier, 11 Preceded, 13 Stay, 15 Radiator, 18 Remained, 19 Type, 21 Minister, 25 Provided, 26 Damp, 27 Resolute. Down: 1 Slip, 2 Pile, 4 Load, 5 Mead, 6 Elicit, 7 Siny, 9 Cedar, 10 Venom, 12 Ready, 14 Adele, 16 Topid, 17 Rabid, 19 Taper, 20 Plots, 21 Mill, 22 Nut, 23 Trap, 24 Rapt.



Mme. de Terwangne, fashionable Parisienne, models this striking cartwheel hat by Rose Valois. Like so many smart women today, Mme. de Terwangne is most enthusiastic about the latest fashion of rose-tinting the gums. She knows how this makes the teeth look even whiter, by contrast, and the smile so much more alluring.

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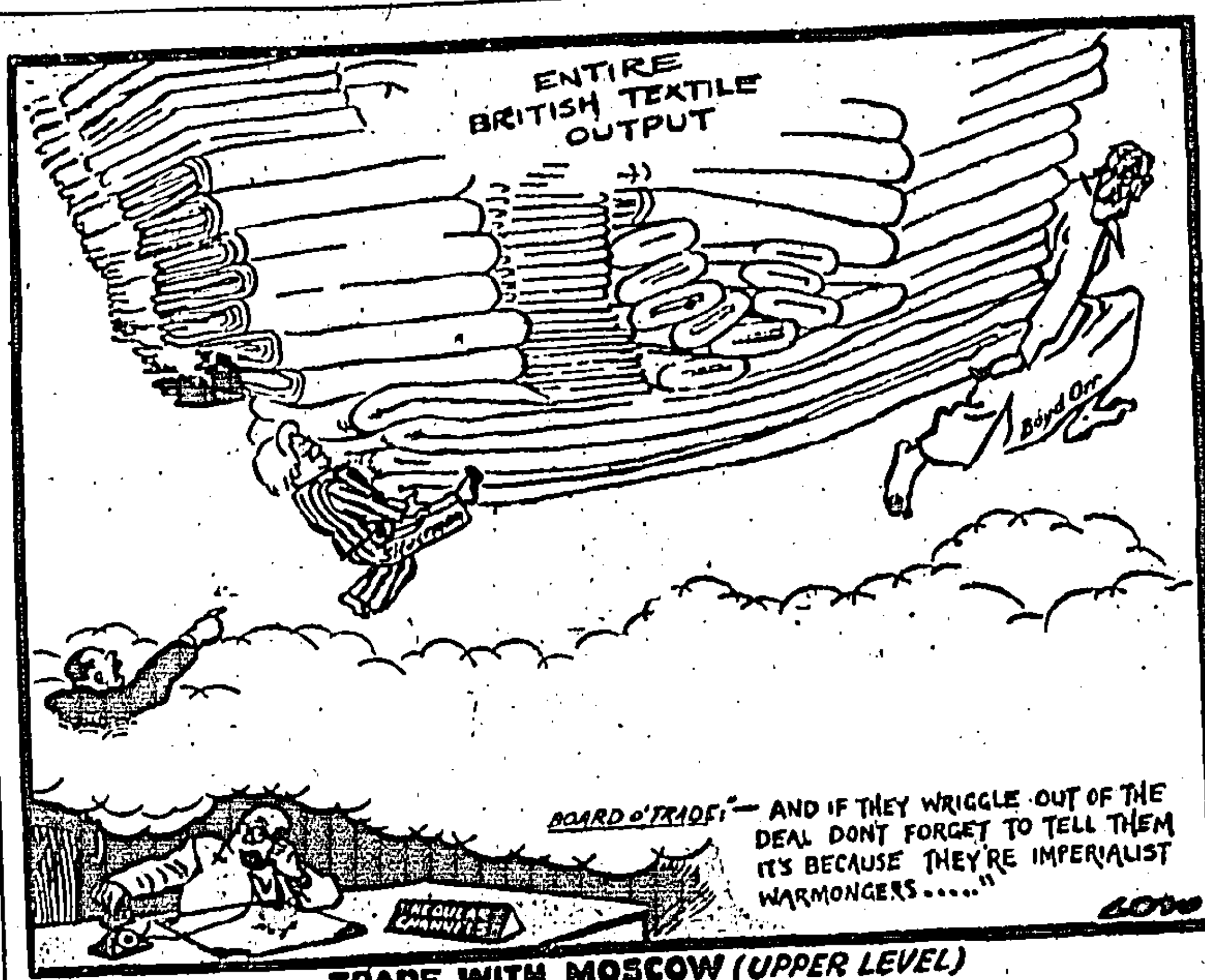
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What Made Sir Stafford Turn On Himself?

The Socialists threw him out when he was a violent Socialist... restored him when he later became a respectable one...

by
WILLIAM BARKLEY

MANY years ago I saw and heard the late Lord Birkenhead address the late Lord Parmoor. Things do not advance much, for I have never since seen or heard anything better.

Parmoor, father of Sir Stafford Cripps, was then the Socialist leader in Opposition in the Lords. Birkenhead, speaking for the Tory Government, suddenly paused to contemplate the white-haired, fresh-faced figure before him.

At last, with all the air of a new dawning discovery, he cried: "Is this Sir Alfred Cripps?"

Now Sir Alfred Cripps, before becoming a noble Socialist, was a valiant Tory and tariff reformer. "Tears sprang to his aged eyes under the Birkenhead lash. He turned his serene countenance hither and thither, seeming to ask: "Won't someone stop him beating me?"

PROBITY

A REVERSE change occurred in the second generation of political Crippses. The revolutionary Sir Stafford of younger days became the later fount of financial probity.

Contemplating him as Chancellor of the Exchequer before illness struck him down overnight, I often said to myself: "Is this Sir Alfred Cripps?"

Was this he who once rang Buckingham Palace's doorbell and ran away?

What I mean is that he said in 1934 that if his party came to power it would have to overcome opposition from Buckingham Palace. But he dropped this line at once when challenged.

Was this Sir Stafford who in 1937 said that the British working man would be as well off if his boss was the Boche?

In the House of Commons, in 1938, and at the Trades Union Congress at Margate, he preached the doctrine that a rise in wages is a bad thing unless production goes up.

THE WOMAN BY HIS SIDE

SHE was Sir Stafford Cripps' night nurse during the serious 22 months, on and off, at the Blythe Benner clinic at Zurich.

During the day she met his callers, answered his letters, arranged his flowers.

Now she is free to go back to their home in the Gloucestershire hills, the home she has seen only rarely recently.



LADY CRIPPS

How does a bus driver, as an example, increase his output? Does he drive two or more buses tandem, like a loom-minder minding more looms?

Large numbers of workers cannot increase their output. For them the stony path was laid down of making a fixed wage meet rising costs of living.

Cripps preaching his wage restraint astonishedly held the trades union movement largely to it. He persuaded even the General Council of the T.U.C. to issue wage-freeze commendations, all by the strength of his eye and his known personal frugality.

THE COUSIN

HE wore himself to extremity for his country in war. He failed the falling body in peace to win the Battle of Dollar Gap.

Was this Sir Stafford Cripps who was later president in 1937 of workers to down tools if war came, since war served only capitalist interests?

When, in the late 'forties, it was heresy to doubt his high principles, I was ill-qualified for the role of hero-worshipper.

At one of his pre-war Bristol elections I fell in with a lively girl cousin of Cripps. "Canvassing for Sir Stafford?" I inquired. She brusquely retorted that she was canvassing against him, and that in her view he was standing for the party which offered him the best hopes of political advancement.

I reported to Sir Stafford. He struck a damaged and indignant attitude and thrusting his hand in his pocket pulled out some quite small pieces of paper.

"Look at the briefs I refuse every day in my work for the party!" he exclaimed.

I held out my hand to take them and he at once thrust them—briefs, mark you—into his waistcoat pocket.

I asked: "Do you think I fell off a gooseberry bush?"

The next thing I knew four large dockers had deposited me, quite gently, on the pavement outside. But I was left with the thought that a certain amount of dramatic make-belief is necessary to the successful politician.

PUZZLES

WAS Sir Stafford Cripps who rallied his party for a time, and much of the nation, to high moral seriousness and offered it leadership on a story road?

Yes it was. Indeed it was all the time the same Sir Stafford, the same who wanted to liquidate the Empire before the war and saw the dollar gap closed after the war by produce of the smaller Empire countries.

Contradictions, puzzles, enigmas! What made Sir Stafford turn round on himself?

Well, first, he grew up. The immensely successful K.C., who deeply read in law and shrewdly read in other fields, was in 1930 a mere adolescent at 50. Then there were other reasons.

2. PATRIOTISM. To find his country under menace from Hitler was something different from imagined theories. In 1930 he threw up all briefs and offered his services for victory.

3. THE FUN of power. Mr Monty Follick, the effervescent M.P. for Loughborough, once asked



"MR. AUSTERITY"

Lloyd George why he made such a blunder as to stay in politics when he could have become an elder statesman in 1918.

Lloyd George tickled the palm of his hand and replied: "The itch for power."

Is it no cynicism to say that a politician is fired with a sense of his own usefulness and indispensability?

4. RELIGIOUS dedication. Public life was sacrificial to Cripps, because his faith gave him sublime self-confidence and conviction of rectitude.

5. REPENTANCE. Maybe the simple explanation of the change in Cripps was that he recognized the error of his earlier ways, but with more than normal share of stiff-neckedness

he believed that he had always been of one mind.

The final paradox of Cripps is that when he became orthodox and respectable he was stored to the Socialist Party, but he was a violent Socialist when he was thrown out of it.

It was not merely for his views that he was expelled. It was for infidelity.

He was thrown out when he advocated forming a common front with all anti-Tories, for this meant he had no faith that the Socialists could ever win an election by themselves.

That party will tolerate a rebel than an infidel. Conversely, you will go far in the party if you have faith in it and no brains.

BUT, STILL

CRIPPS leaves a great name, although he was a great failure. A failure in Moscow, where, in bitter frustration, he spent time moving the embassy furniture, watching the Dynamos, visiting the Opera, talking law with Vyshinsky.

He was foolishly credited with having done something to bring Stalin on to our side. But the credit here belongs to Hitler. He was a failure in his India mission.

His policy in finance and wages began to fail when he had to devalue the sterling exchange against his judgment. Success nowhere accompanied him.

Yet one could at the same time detect Cripps for his politeness and respect him for his qualities. In public life respect is the highest form of success.

(London Express Service)

FRITTERING AWAY THE TAXPAYERS' MONEY

By William Townshend

WHEN it comes to frittering away the taxpayers' money on former enemies and their sympathisers, there is no country to compare with Britain.

We can't get out of this odd custom, even with the shadow of national bankruptcy hanging over us.

In the latest Supplementary Civil Estimates there is a fine new example of it—a small print item disclosing that, subject to the approval of Parliament, £125,000 is to be paid to the Basile Trading Company.

In the Kaiser's war this Swiss concern owned factories and shops, and carried on trading operations in the Gold Coast and India. Because of suspected pro-German activities, its properties were seized after the war.

A few years later the Gold Coast properties were handed back, plus £250,000 compensation. Negotiations over the Indian properties dragged on until the second world war broke out.

They have since been resumed, and now, 32 years after the seizure, the British Government—without admitting any legal liability—has quietly agreed to pay £125,000 in settlement.

That is the story in brief outline. But to understand its more fantastic features it is necessary to go back a century.

The Mission Society of Basile was at that time actively carrying the Gospel to remote corners of the British Empire.

The idea occurred to a Swiss coffee merchant named Preiswerk—that there were commercial possibilities in linking trade with Bible punching.

So wherever the missionaries went Herr Preiswerk sent his hand-picked young Germans and Swiss seeking trade. Every convert meant a new customer.

Before long there was no need for "Papa" Preiswerk to continue peddling his coffee. The cocoa beans and other commodities his young men acquired from the natives in exchange for cheap neckties, bracelets, and brassware fetched good money.

In fact, the activities of the Preiswerk traders began to embarrass the missionaries. But a solution was soon found.

In 1859 Preiswerk formed the Basile Trading Company and agreed that all profits above 5 percent were to go to the evangelical work of the Basile Mission. So traders and missionaries could now work in harmony.

When the first world war broke out the trading posts were yielding a rich harvest. But

though the company was domiciled in Switzerland its establishments were partly officered by Germans.

In 1917 Sir Hugh Clifford, Governor of the Gold Coast, threw out the German employees of the mission. The Indian Government interned the German staff.

The missionaries, it was said, had engaged in anti-British propaganda and hostile acts.

After the war both the mission and its trading company were suspended because of their "enemy" associations and sympathies.

When, in 1928, the Gold Coast properties were handed back, together with a sum of £250,000, the whole organisation of the former employees, "rocked with hilarity."

Now the Basile Company, whose present chairman is Herr Preiswerk, has another £125,000 success to acclaim.

Not that it really needs the money for according to Swiss reports, it is currently earning 22 percent per annum on its capital of 2,000,000 Swiss francs all owned by the Preiswerk family.

She is also frightfully keen on ping pong. She not only falls in love at first sight but at the first sound of a lonely stranger calling from the tiles; and, if staying out all night with him—in a howling blizzard—can be called an enthusiastic sweetheart. As for her constitution, she has never had a day's illness in five years and is probably the fittest cat in the country.

Bedside books

EASIER to understand, and light for weak hands to hold were the little pamphlets wrapped round patent medicine bottles which I always regard as my favourite literature.

In a short while I had forgotten the Times for a mystery letter and was eagerly reading how I could avoid further illness by taking the sunshine and protective vitamins A and D, renew the richness of my blood stream with vitamin B, and avoid scurvy with vitamin C.

It was when I read about vitamin E, which puts new vigour into elderly men, that I began to worry about expensive drugs provided free under the National Health Act.

A bottle of 100 vitamin E tablets costs £2. The average age of the population is getting higher every year.

So any day now my income tax will not only be buying slimming pills for fat women, who have been gorging on my food subsidies, but also vitamin E tablets, at nearly 1d. each, for thousands of old men.

No wonder I shed a few more tears into the wet pillow.

Open road

For driving his invalid chair 17 1/2 miles in 2 hours 20 minutes on 41 miles an hour, Jerrold Griffin was fined £1 at Brighton.

Flying through the country, Whizzing up and down, Passing Billy Moor's cars, Crawling through the town, Lorries at the crossroads, Slowing down to a crawl, Honky tonk, honky tonk, Couldn't care less.

Whizzing through the villages, Stepping on the gas, Driver of a sports car, Says he wants to pass, Stop her up to forty-one, (Now he's in a mess), Honky tonk, honky tonk, Couldn't care less.

Bursting over hill tops, Down the other side, Chauffeur driven motor cars, Take 'em for a ride, Motor coaches in a jam, Trying to progress, Honky tonk, honky tonk, Couldn't care less.

Copper on a motor bike, Waving with his hand, Wave a cheery greeting back, "Isn't life grand?" Copper tries to stop me, Signal of distress, Honky tonk, honky tonk, Couldn't care less.

(London Express Service)

"The company," says the Sunday Express Basle correspondent, "is run on religious lines. All its employees have to be members of the Mission Society."

"The Preiswerk family, which has blood ties with Germany, is regarded with the highest respect in Basle."

A friend of the family said: "This £125,000 is a gift from God. Without a doubt, Herr Preiswerk will put the entire sum to missionary work in the region where the property was seized and not keep one penny for himself or his family."

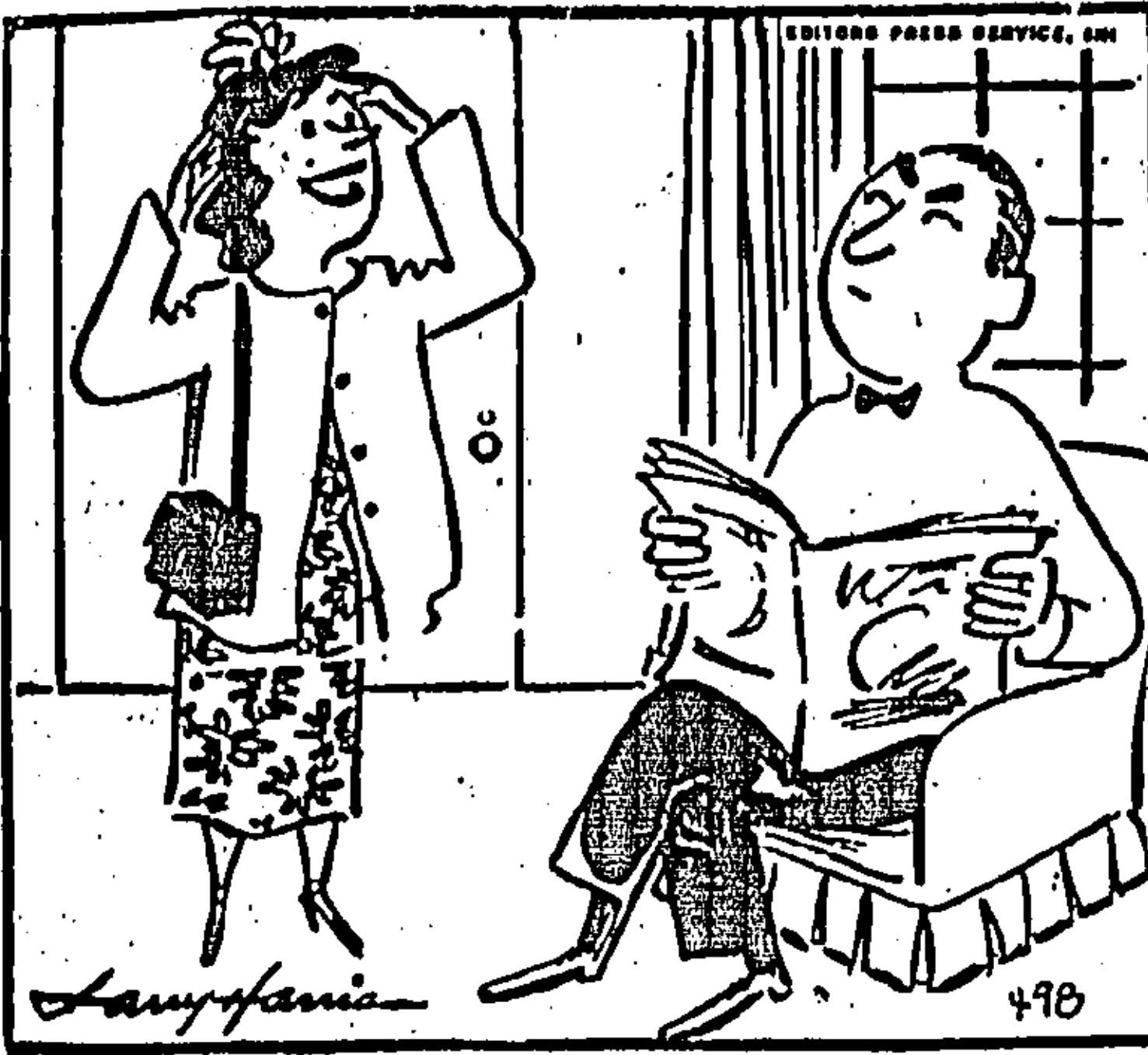
But before the Treasury pays over it might well answer these questions:

1. Why is the British Government paying out this money when it does not admit liability?

2. If the Swiss shareholders feel they have been wronged, why not let them test the matter in the courts?

3. Alternatively, as the Swiss claim arises out of property in India, why not suggest they address it to Mr Nehru? Why should we take responsibility now that India has independent status?

In plain words, is this taxpayer's expense really necessary?



"Let's go for a little walk, dear — bring your wallet."

BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

AN account of a modicum of chaos at a London station the other day, owing to changes in departure platforms, made me wonder how the announcers resist the temptation to play the fool.

"The 9.23 for Penzance will stop at Leeds, Lincoln, Perth, and Windsor. Passengers for Cardiff will change at Margate." Imagine the consternation on the faces of those who are waiting for the 9.23 to Penzance.

Or again: "The 10.14 train for Chichester will have platform 8, 9, and 3 at 0.55, stopping only at Birmingham. It will then return to London, where it will arrive at platform 9 and 8 at 11.3, before leaving for Barking Creek."

Colourful Mrs Pribstone
A lady whose teeth were reported to be painted red to match her long finger-nails was, by

JACK TURBOT IS COMING
some oversight, not described as colourful. Song:—
I love the ladies, but I shan't be caught
By creatures of the predatory sort.
A more alarming sight I never

than Mrs. Pribstone, red in both tooth and claw.

The Gamma-bomb (VIII)
EVERY afternoon Ding-Poos received Egham in her sitting-room. On the fourth day she said:

"While allowing him to encircle her waist with his arms, 'You can help me in a delicate matter.' 'I am at your service, Corissima,' replied the indignant Colonel. 'I more or less promised a friend, she said, 'that I would get him a sample of the kind of formula you scientists use for your bombs. He wants to play a practical joke on someone. Any bit of balderdash would do, so long as it would deceive an amateur. Do you know anyone at Bampton who would just scribble something for my friend?' Egham was about to plead for a kiss, his third in twenty minutes, when he realised that he had a part to play. Feigning no difference, he said, 'Ah, I expect any one of our chaps would do it for you. You'll ask Dr. Kodrunk. He'll do it marvellously. The adventures could hardly suppress a shriek of triumph. Egham too she thought, was walking straight into her trap.

By no means
FOR one, do not understand I, why a prize awarded recently for the finest beard should have been a pair of earrings. It is like giving a gold-holder as a prize for the smallest nose.

Printer's frolic
IN her handbag the Customs officer found a pair of pyjamas, says my paper. If she had any sense she would have pleaded that they were very small pyjamas, that she was trying to help her country in the coming shortage of electricity.

YOUR BIRTHDAY By STELLA
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30

BORN today, you have a serious, contemplative mind and are inclined to analyse everything down to its most basic principles. This makes you very critical of the status quo. By voicing your objections and making constructive suggestions you might exert considerable influence upon the thoughts and actions of your own times.

Your enthusiasms are high and although you appear to get excited when things are moving fast you actually have a very level head. You can be quite unflinching in your right thing in any emergency. You have tremendous determination and can put up a good fight against opposition. You have a forceful personality and the first time you say what you want—the first time. You

have good business talents and know how to take full advantage of any offered opportunity.

Home ties mean a great deal to one of your naturally affectionate nature. You will be happiest if you wed early in life, for once you have settled down with someone you love, your emotional problems are solved; and you can devote your energies to living in a complete and contented manner.

Interests are intellectual and cultural, make sure that the one you select has the same interests.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

THURSDAY, MAY 1

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Join some neighbourhood even, contributing funds as well as services in its behalf.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—Self-assurance and a calm advance in the right direction will bring excellent results.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—Routine is called for, but look ahead, not backward, for best constructive results.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—A new friendship, formed today, may hold an important significance for the future.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—If you have given offence by some thoughtless remark, make amends now or it may be too late.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—Bear in mind that although sticks and stones can break your bones, unfounded gossip can never hurt you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 23)—An elderly acquaintance may prove a little difficult. Try to be kind and understanding.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 23)—Be helpful in some community project to improve your own neighbourhood.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Cultivate relaxation in what you need just now. Good reading, music or an artistic hobby!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Keep yourself up to the mark on current affairs as they may influence your own life.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—Make the most of all opportunities today. Hard work will schedule can produce good results.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—A careful budget wisely adhered to will forward your future plans. Save now; spend later.

DUMB-BELLS
I STARTED TODAY TO ECONOMIZE, DEAR, I CUT ALL YOUR CIGARS IN HALF SO YOU WILL HAVE TWICE AS MANY!

CROSSWORD

Across
1. This type goes desired result. (9)
2. Poles a cute wiggly. (8)
3. Pigeon in choice choir. (4)
4. Free exemplar—not so. (6)
5. Noisy but not noisy. (3)
6. Mr. (7)
7. The apt to label. (6)
8. Bartender, not quite old in. (4)
9. Ward you leave by. (3)
10. Massing, really for a New Zealand shrub. (23)
11. Outline a brief play. (4)

Down
1. A tube line, (anag.) (9)
2. Poles a cute wiggly. (8)
3. Suitable epithet for a rose. (8)
4. Bawdily. (6)
5. Half-time. (4)
6. Not always earned. (4)
7. Small black. (11) Loathing. (10)
8. Judge left unpleasured. (4)
9. Massing, really for a New Zealand shrub. (23)
10. It's the pace they frame. (6)
11. The pace they frame. (6)

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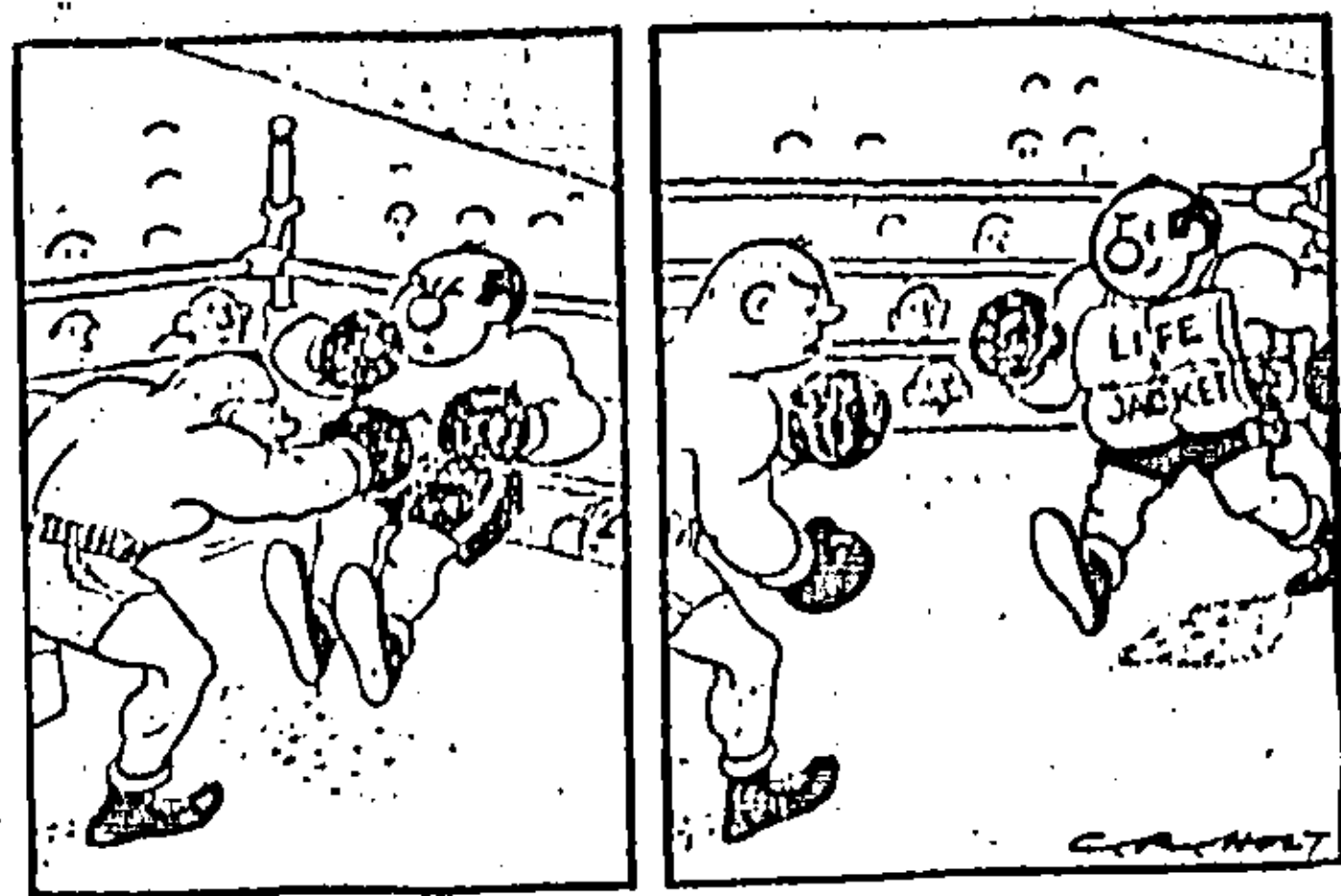
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Helsinki Prepares For The Olympic Games

A remote-controlled electrical switchboard at the Olympic Stadium at the Helsinki Games will flash placings of each event almost simultaneously with the finish.

Sited on the upper part of the northern curve of the stadium, the board measures 12 by 5.5 metres. Two hundred letters can be written in this space which has eight lines. Each letter and figure measures 50 by 30 centimetres.

Seven thousand electric light bulbs were used in the manufacture. The board will be easily readable even with the sun shining fully on it.

The writing is done from the results centre on a machine almost identical to an ordinary typewriter. Normal typing on the machine will operate the board at the same time reproducing the text on paper for checking purposes.

TORCH RELAY

The Organising Committee of the 1952 Summer Olympic Games has decided the Olympic torch will be carried from Greece to Denmark and then through Sweden and Northern

Finland to the Olympic stadium here.

The route from Greece to Denmark is still being planned. Details of relays through Sweden have been arranged.

SOUVENIR COIN

A gold coin worth 20 Swiss francs (\$4.67) is being minted as a souvenir of the Olympic Games. The coins will be issued by the International Olympic Committee, half of the revenue going to the Organising Committee in Helsinki. — United Press.

FERRY SERVICE

A 14,000-ton liner has been chartered by the Organising Committee to ply between Stockholm and Helsinki during the Olympic Games. — United Press.

Castleton To Run In 2,000 Guineas

London, Apr. 29. — Castleton, to be ridden by J. Marshall, will now run for tomorrow's 2,000 Guineas at Newmarket, making 29 probable.

J. Sime rides Madison and C. Spares rides Supremacy. — Reuter.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

SEVENTH RACE MEETING

Saturday 10th and Saturday 17th May, 1952

(Held under the Rules of The Hong Kong Jockey Club)

There are 20 races. The First Ball will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the First Race will be run at 2.00 p.m. each day.

Through Tickets (20 Races—\$40.00) may be obtained at the Comptroller Office of the Club, 1st Floor, Telephone House, also tickets for the Special Cash Sweep on the "Hong Kong Derby" scheduled to be run on 31st May, 1952.

Through Tickets reserved for the meeting but not paid for by 10.00 a.m. on Friday, 9th May, will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future meetings.

THERE WILL BE NO SPECIAL CASH SWEEP ON THE LAST RACE.

To avoid congestion at the Club's Offices at Telephone House, non-members are requested to purchase their sweep tickets at the Club's Branch Offices at:

5, D'Aguiar Street, Hong Kong

382 Nathan Road, Kowloon.

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Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

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Only a limited number of badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will be on sale at the Race Course.

The Branch Offices and the Treasurers' Comptroller Office will close at 11.00 a.m. and the Secretary's Office at 11.45 a.m. each day. The Treasurers' Comptroller Office and the Secretary's Office are situated at 1st Floor, Telephone House.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 27818).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The Price of admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$3.00 per day including tax for all persons including Ladies, and will be payable at the Gate.

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Servants' passes will be issued to private box holders only, who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties and must remain in their employers' stands.

Owing to the congestion in the Members' Betting Hall and at Booths adjacent to Boxes in the Coffee Room, Box-holders and Members are requested to ensure that their servants make use only of the Public Betting Hall. Military Police will be posted at various points in the enclosure, to ensure that this regulation is adhered to.

By Order,
H. MISA,
Secretary.

THAILAND'S THOMAS CUP PLAYERS TO BE SEEN IN EXHIBITION MATCH

By "ARGONAUT"

Hongkong's top ranking shuttlers will be afforded another opportunity of gauging their standard in terms of international competition when they meet the visiting Unity Badminton team of Thailand in an exhibition match at the Southern Playground on Friday.

The visitors are due to arrive tomorrow and the contingent, which will be headed by Mr Hwang Yong-lin, Hon. Treasurer of the Thailand Badminton Association, will consist of six officials and seven players.

Among the players are three Thailand Thomas Cuppers, who recently represented Thailand in the first round Thomas Cup match against India. They are Kho Tang-jui, Sunthorn Sophaphan and Kamol Sutvanit.

On the whole the visiting team are much younger than the local players and will have at least two players who are under 10 years of age.

Although the standard of the Thailand players is still a matter of speculation, available information points to Hongkong enjoying a slight edge and the latter team which has been chosen to play them in the first match of the three-game series tomorrow is expected to come through with a narrow win.

The following have been selected to play for Hongkong in tomorrow's match: Singles: Ramon Young, Robert Tay and C. K. Lee. Doubles: R. Young and W. F. Fao, P. H. Wong and C. K. Lee.

The second match will take place on Sunday at the Southern Playground and the third match at St. Teresa's Church Hall on Monday. The local teams to play in both these matches are to be announced later.

Admission charges have been fixed at \$6, \$3.50 and \$2.40, and for the second night special seats of \$1.20 will be available for schoolchildren.

MALAYAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

A pleasing response has been received from Malaya regarding the possibility of Hongkong players taking part in the Selangor Open Invitation Championships which are scheduled to take place immediately after the Thomas Cup final.

This will be in the nature of an unofficial World Championship, and Hongkong's participation will be her first in a major world competition.

It is not expected that the Hongkong players will be able to go far, but the experience of playing against world ranking players cannot but have a beneficial effect.

NOTICE

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the 7th Race Meeting 1952 to be held on Saturday 10th and Saturday 17th May, 1952, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Telephone House; the Club House, Happy Valley; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Thursday, 1st May, 1952.

By Order,
H. MISA,
Secretary.

THE TOUR OF MOROCCO

Saffi, French North Africa, Apr. 29. Max Charroin (Morocco) won today's 13th stage of the Morocco road cycle race — 134 kilometres from Mogador, to Gino Scardini (France) was second and Bernardo Ruiz (Spain) third.

Charroin finished the stage in four hours flat, and was chased across the line by 24 other riders who all finished in the same time.

Franco Girichero (Italy) retained his leadership in the general classification with Marcel Huber (Switzerland) still second and Maurice Blomme (Belgium) again third. — Reuter.

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By Order,
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BADMINTON VISITORS FROM THAILAND



Members of the Unity Badminton Club of Thailand who are visiting Hongkong for a series of three matches.

Above (from left to right): Hwang Yong-lin (Manager), Kimhuat Noon-pradej (captain), Kho Tang-jui, Sunthorn Sophaphan.

Below (from left to right): Kamol Sutvanit, Chlou Joy-uen, Maa Chern-teng, Direk Khajadhye.



The Sports Roundabout

The Italian Referee For The England-Austria Match Is No "Homer"

By W. Capel Kirby & David Jack

England Soccer teams with overseas dates frequently have pre-match worries about interpretation of the laws.

Following Scotland's experience last summer, and Austrian complaints of favouritism after their match at Wembley, many football folk here are wondering if England will have to face 12 men when they play Austria in Vienna on May 25. — but Sir Stanley Rous disagrees.

Sir Stanley points out the Austrians don't play dirty Soccer, but are liable to retaliate if it's introduced. A capable referee, an Italian, will be in charge. "And if we are beaten, I don't think he will be to blame," says the FA secretary.

We can tell you that it will probably be Signor G. Capan, and he is no "homer." He gave England no penalties against Portugal in Lisbon.

SHE'S JUST PAT

Recently returned from a winter of coaching and competition in California, lawn tennis starlet Pat Ward proved at Cumberland Club that she has learned a lot from her American trip. But we've never seen tournament-hardened Americans giggle after serving a double fault as Pat did.

Pat, incidentally, introduced a fashion note with the initials P.A.T. on her three blue button-downs and we couldn't help wondering how long it would take her to get on court if she'd been christened Gneveve.

Ted Platt, for many years George Swindin's stand-in at Highbury, exemplifies Arsenal's club spirit with this story: After letting a simple shot slip through in a reserve match I went to Tom Whitaker and asked him if I could have my transfer. "Yes," said the boss. "Anywhere but goal!"

WORCESTER'S BID

Worcester City will almost certainly play in the Football League next season — if Walsall have to apply for re-election.

Worcester plan an all-out lobbying campaign at the League meeting in June, and with near 10,000 average gates they can put a stronger case than Walsall.

Then the fun should start because about eight Worcester players are on the books of League clubs and the choice of selling them or footing a bill for £20,000.

Here's a warning to Fulham fans who can't take it and are getting at manager Bill Dodgill through his son. Bill junior is a sensitive lad. He

Easy For Drobny And Sedgman

Bournemouth, Apr. 29. The top seeded pair of Jaroslav Drobny (Czechoslovakia) and Frank Sedgman (Australia) had no trouble in winning 6-0, 6-0, 6-0 victories against J. S. Beltrame and J. M. McHugh (Britain) in the first round of the men's doubles in the British Hardcourt tennis tournament here. — United Press.

The Same Familiar Old Names Still Lead English Lawn Tennis

England's Davis Cup team this year will wear a familiar look, in fact the same look it has worn every year since the war.

The old firm—Tony Mottram and Geoffrey Paish—have started off the season in great form and in two weeks have proved they are still Nos. 1 and 2 with the rest nowhere.

In the final of the Shirley Park Lawn Tennis Tournament the finalists were Mottram and Paish with Mottram winning in three straight sets. In the final of the Surrey Hard Court Lawn Tennis Championship it was the same old story with Mottram beating Paish 6-4, 6-3.

ENCOURAGING

In one respect these victories are encouraging for they show that Britain's No. 1, who last year caused the biggest Wimbledon upset by beating Jaroslav Drobny, is benefiting from his winter tour abroad.

But in another respect the first two weeks of the tennis season have been far from successful.

— (London Express Service)

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"SHENGKING"	Keelung	5 p.m.	10th May
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"TAIYUAN"	Australia & Manila	In Port	
"CHANGTE"	Kure	7th May	
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Any objection to the proposed change of name must be sent to the REGISTRAR OF SHIPPING at HONG KONG within SEVEN days from the appearance of this advertisement.

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Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a lease agreement dated the 29th day of August 1951 The Hongkong & Shanghai Hotel Ltd. intend to deliver up possession of the premises known as The Hongkong Hotel erected upon Marine Lot 5 and the Remaining Portions of Marine Lots 3 and 7 on the 1st day of May 1952 to Loen Enterprise Ltd., whose registered office is at Room 309 in the said Hongkong Hotel. The Hongkong & Shanghai Hotels Ltd. will not be responsible for liabilities incurred in connection with the said premises from and after the said 1st day of May 1952.

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LAUNCH'S SECRET VOYAGE

Sydney. The Australian Minister for External Affairs, Mr. R. G. Casey, told in Canberra of a powerful launch's secret voyage from Australia with seven men on a mission to leaders of the South Moluccan republican movement.

The launch, Tiki, slipped out of Darwin and headed north. When it returned, security and customs men were waiting on the quay. This is the story they pieced together.

The Tiki's original destination was the island of Ceram, 650 miles from Darwin. There the expedition, led by Johannes Thyssen, a Netherlands citizen, and Pieter Polkoll, an Ambonese of Netherlands nationality, intended to provide the republican leaders with radio, and get information about the movement on the island.

But they changed their minds and went instead to Misool, a Dutch island off New Guinea. While the Tiki lay anchored there for five days, Netherlands soldiers and police went aboard and advised the expedition to return to Darwin. A Netherlands corvette escorted them part of the way.

Mr. Casey said the acknowledged purpose of the mission was to interfere, on Indonesian territory, in a situation that was a source of concern to the Indonesian Government.

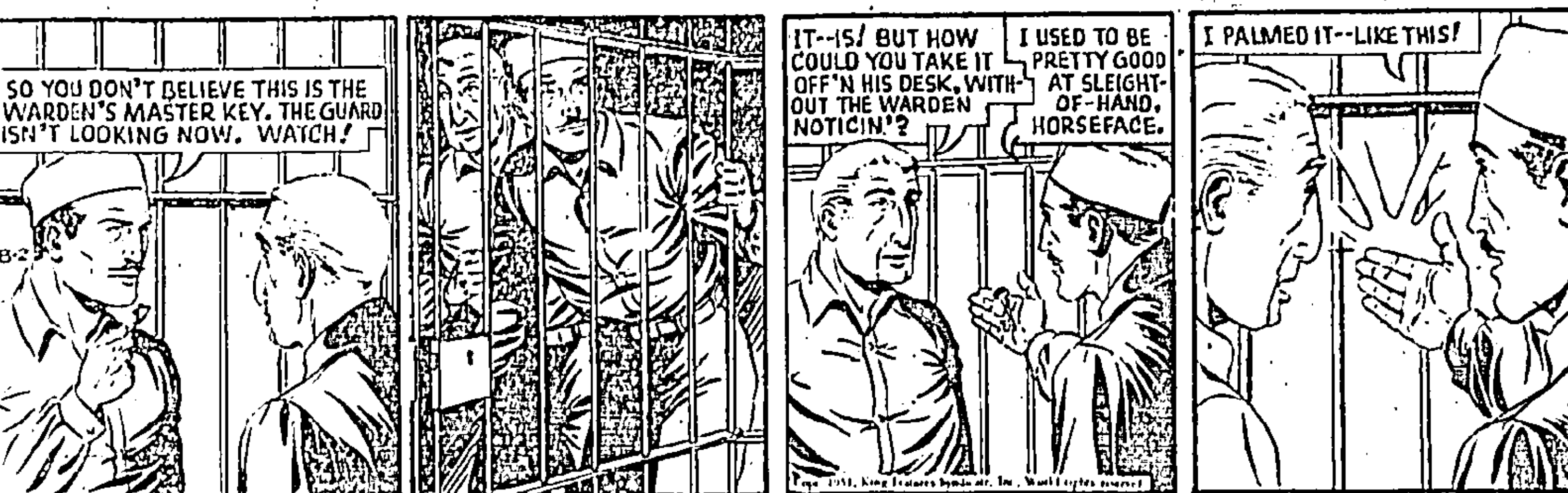
He said the launch's captain, a Darwin man hired by Thyssen and Polkoll, will be prosecuted by the Australian Government under the quarantine and customs laws.

Korea Veterans Return

Liverpool, Apr. 29. More than 600 British soldiers from Korea arrived today in the troopship Devonshire. They represented nearly every branch of the army. On board also were Dutch and Belgian troops. The first ashore were the wounded and the sick. —Reuter.

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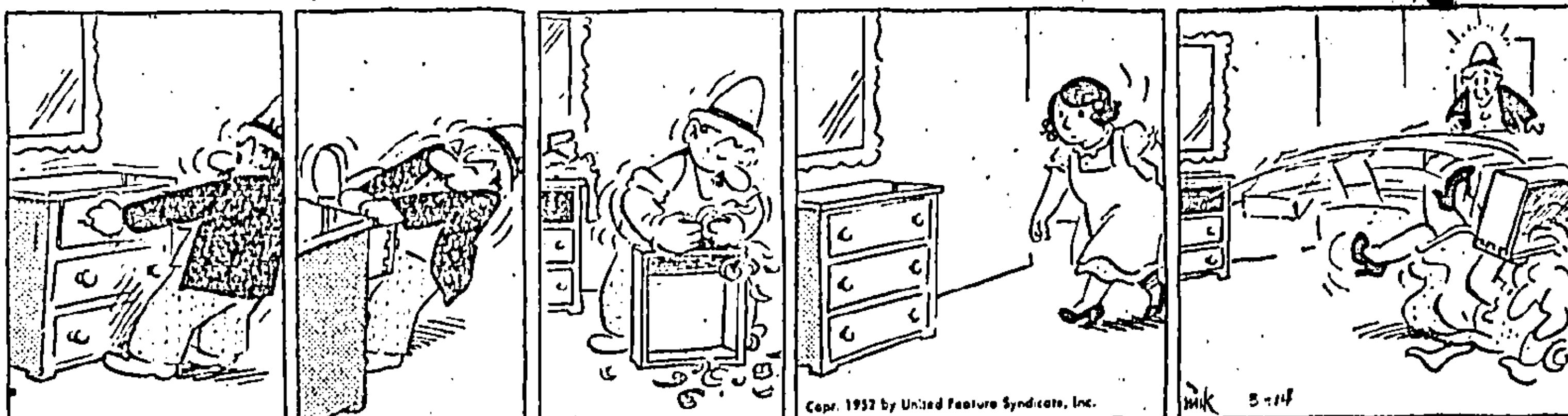
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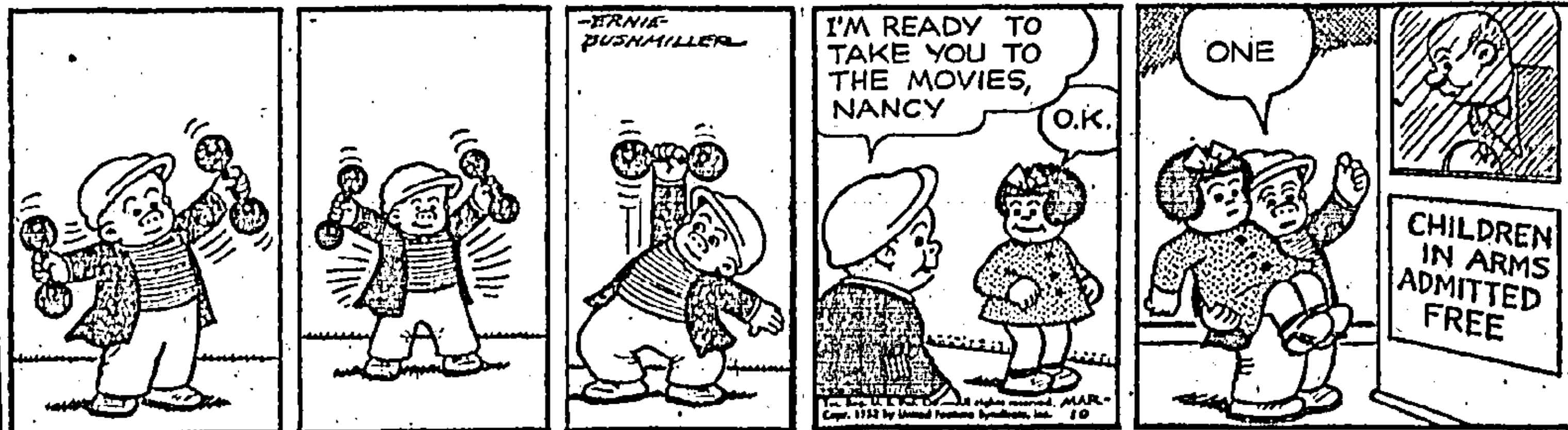
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Headmaster Dodges Tax On Rubbers

London, Apr. 29. Purchase tax on school equipment can be avoided with a little ingenuity. One way is to cut up (tax-free) rubber chair silencers and use them as (taxed) rubbers.

The National Union of Teachers heard about this tip at their annual conference, at Scarborough, from Dr. Leonard Collier, headmaster of a Mill-street Secondary School in Farnpyrie.

Ordinary Indian rubber, he said, bore a 20 per cent tax. Sliced chair silencers were as good, and did away with the "iniquitous" Purchase Tax, which was a tax on knowledge. After the meeting Dr. Collier said he wished he knew of more ways of escaping the "outrageous" tax—and gave another tip.

"The only other dodge I know," he said, "is to order stapling machine refills in bulk. Goodness knows why, but Purchase Tax is taken off if one buys more than 5,000 at a time."

AIRLIFT FOR THREE MPs

London, Apr. 29. So that three M. P.s will not miss National Health Bill discussions in the House of Commons, a helicopter may be used to take them to a meeting in Brighton on Wednesday.

The M.P.s are Mr. Sydney Silverman, Labour member for Nelson and Colne; Mr. Reginald Sorensen, Labour member for Leyton; and Mr. John Rankin, Labour member for Tradeston. The helicopter will land, and take off, in the grounds of Brighton's Royal Pavilion if permission can be obtained. —Reuter.

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U.S. Sugar	105.50
U.S. Tobacco	105.50
U.S. Lumber	105.50
U.S. Paper	105.50
U.S. Glass	105.50
U.S. Cement	105.50
U.S. Brick	105.50
U.S. Tile	105.50
U.S. Marble	105.50
U.S. Granite	105.50
U.S. Slate	105.50
U.S. Shale	105.50
U.S. Sandstone	105.50
U.S. Limestone	105.50
U.S. Gneiss	105.50
U.S. Schist	105.50
U.S. Metamorphic	105.50
U.S. Igneous	105.50
U.S. Sedimentary	105.50
U.S. Volcanic	105.50
U.S. Plutonic	105.50
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HONGKONG SHARE MARKET

(From Our Correspondent)

Business showed an improvement in the Stock Exchange this morning, trading during the morning session totalling \$293,000. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:	
Shareholders' Sales	
HSBC	1500 1500 20 @ 1385
HSBC (A)	142
HSBC (B)	142
HSBC (C)	142
HSBC (D)	142
HSBC (E)	142
HSBC (F)	142
HSBC (G)	142
HSBC (H)	142
HSBC (I)	142
HSBC (J)	142
HSBC (K)	142
HSBC (L)	142
HSBC (M)	142
HSBC (N)	142
HSBC (O)	142
HSBC (P)	142
HSBC (Q)	142
HSBC (R)	142
HSBC (S)	142
HSBC (T)	142
HSBC (U)	142
HSBC (V)	142
HSBC (W)	142
HSBC (X)	142
HSBC (Y)	142
HSBC (Z)	142

LONDON TIN MARKET

London, Apr. 29.
The tin market was steady this morning on a turnover of 60 tons of which 40 tons were for cash. Prices closed at the end of the official morning session as follows:

JAPANESE BONDS

Japanese Bonds	
10% (1950)	105.50
10% (1951)	105.50
10% (1952)	105.50
10% (1953)	105.50
10% (1954)	105.50
10% (1955)	105.50
10% (1956)	105.50
10% (1957)	105.50
10% (1958)	105.50
10% (1959)	105.50
10% (1960)	105.50

US Imposition Of Protective Tariffs Presents A Problem For Britain

Liverpool, Apr. 23.

Fears expressed by manufacturers in this country that successes in the U.S. dollar market are being restricted by the granting of protection to American manufacturers were further emphasised last week-end when the Board of Trade issued details of a memorandum on the subject which had been presented by the British Embassy in Washington to the U.S. State Department.

The memorandum recalled that in recent months there had been a disturbing increase in the number of applications for relief under section 6 of the Trade Agreements Extension Act of 1951.

Among those which directly affected important United Kingdom export trade were those relating to motor-bicycles and parts, bicycles and parts, certain chinaware, tobacco pipes and wood screws.

It continued:—These cases and others which affect the United Kingdom less, are still at the state of investigation or hearing. Recommendations have not yet been made by the Tariff Commission. It is obviously premature to assume that relief will be granted in the cases now under review, but in the light of the decisions reached in respect of fur felt hats and hatters' fur, there are obviously grounds for anxiety, and it may, therefore, not be too early to bring the following consideration to the attention of the State Department.

NO EASY TASK

The United States market has never been an easy one for the goods of other countries, says the Liverpool Journal of Commerce. Large as it is, it is extremely well supplied in most cases by domestic producers who pride themselves on being among the most efficient in the world. Since the last war a great deal of effort has been expended, both by the Government of the United States and by the United States Administration, to persuade exporters in the United Kingdom to cultivate the United States market. It has appeared, both to the United Kingdom and to the United States Governments, that it was essential, for both economic and political reasons, that the dependence of the United Kingdom on external aid should be ended as rapidly as possible.

It has long been clear that deplorable restrictions on international trade could be avoided only if the United Kingdom were able greatly to increase its dollar earnings. It has been clear, also, that the power of the United Kingdom to be an effective ally, strong both militarily and economically, was threatened by the difficulty in balancing its external, and particularly its dollar, account.

In earning dollars, the United Kingdom, more perhaps than any other country, must rely on increasing sales in the United States of manufactured goods. The direct competition with United States industry, British manufacturers and exporters, in spite of the temptation of higher profits in easier markets, have responded to the challenge. They have neither sought nor been given assistance which would render "unfair" the competition they offer the United States producers, and such success as they have had has been hard won.

MOUNTING EVIDENCE

They are perturbed by the mounting evidence that any marked success in selling their goods in the United States will be countered by applications from United States industry for further protection and the fear that some, at least, of these applications may be granted. This feeling is not confined to the trades in which applications have already been made, but is very widespread, so that it becomes a question whether should the fears above be justified, the United Kingdom efforts to pay its way by earning dollars on a fair competitive basis can be maintained. Should it fail, the economic policies of the United States as well as of the United Kingdom would be frustrated, and the ability of the United Kingdom to play its necessary part in the Western alliance would be weakened.

It might perhaps be helpful, and certainly do no harm, if the Board of Trade were again to emphasise the recognised channels through which Soviet Russia and China can, and should, make their approaches to Britain for any expansion of trade. The recent agreements in Moscow were not lacking in enthusiasm, but their discretion leaves much to be desired. Such agreement must, in the long run, be put through British official channels, irrespective of the temporary or permanent abodes of the Chinese trade missions.

As a matter of fact, the Chinese already have been recommended by Mr. Peter Thornycroft, President of the Board of Trade, to make their approaches for any expansion of trade to the merchants of Hongkong and Shanghai who have been active in looking for such trade. If the Chinese are prepared to do business they have only to approach these merchants or, if they prefer, the United Kingdom Government through official channels.

Japanese Motor-Car Industry

HELP FROM THE GOVERNMENT

Tokyo, Apr. 29.

The International Trade and Industry Ministry is to give all possible aid to the Japanese motor-car industry in its campaign to attract foreign capital, according to the Jiji Press.

ACID TEST

But before any thought of trade can be envisaged, a condition should be an appeal to all the Soviet-bloc countries, particularly China and Russia, that trade, other than approved barter, is incompatible with the continuation of the war in Korea and Indo-China. The withdrawal of Communist forces would be the acid test of the sincerity of both to carry on trade with Western Europe and with all that the United Nations represent. China has not so far felt inclined even to give official status to our representatives in Peking, a recognition which would be a single small step, and a beginning of a closer trade and political tie linking China with the rest of the commercial world.

Lord Boyd-Orr, who led the British delegates to Moscow, has been busy, occupied approaching chambers of commerce in this country. The Manchester Chamber of Commerce, prompted by a sincere desire to effect business in the various categories of textiles which are associated with it, was induced to send a cable, inquiring for details, to the "China National Import-Export Corporation" in the Soviet zone of Berlin. If it had been in existence before the Moscow conference, carrying on essential trade between Communist China and Soviet Europe, it could have approached us many months ago. Lord Boyd-Orr may have felt himself justified in acting as he has done, but by now it is hoped that he has convinced himself that recognised trade channels are best.

OVERSEA OUTLETS

Outlets overseas for the merchandise piling up in the country are certainly needed. Most of the countries bound with us to the £ sterling area, like ourselves, cutting imports, with the result that it seems incongruous to look to them for a return to recent trading conditions, i.e., to conditions existing when the first cuts in our imports, whatever their source, were imposed. But Canada, our big link in the Commonwealth, has imposed no such cuts. So keen is she on helping us to find the necessary dollars that she is proposing to place sub-contracts of rearmament goods for substantial amounts.

So great has been Canada's industrial progress that she is actively competing with domestic producers in the United States, but she has several commodities which she must export to countries other than the United States, agricultural and forestry products particularly. If we and the sterling area Commonwealth countries won't trade with her, then Canada must look to herself and sell her exports, and as a corollary buy her imports, elsewhere.

TAIWAN DOLLAR

Taipei, Apr. 29.

The unofficial exchange rate of the Taiwan dollar, recorded at a considerable gain following the signing of the Sino-Japanese peace treaty yesterday.

The black market quotation for US\$1.00 against the Taiwan dollar was \$20.00, against the official rate of \$1.00. — Franco-Press.

ROYAL INTEROCEAN LINES

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HOLLAND EAST ASIA LINE

SAILING TO EUROPE			
"KIELBRECHT"	May	9th	
"AAGTERBERK"	June	10th	
"BLITAN"	July	7th	
"ALMKERK"	Aug.	7th	
SAILING FROM EUROPE		Saila	Arrives
		Rotterdam	Hongkong
"AAGTERBERK"	Sailed	Apr.	8th
"BLITAN"		Apr.	29th
"ALMKERK"		May	29th
"AAGTERBERK"		July	2nd
"KIELBRECHT"		Aug.	2nd
		May	14th
		June	7th
		July	4th
		Aug.	7th
		Sept.	7th

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